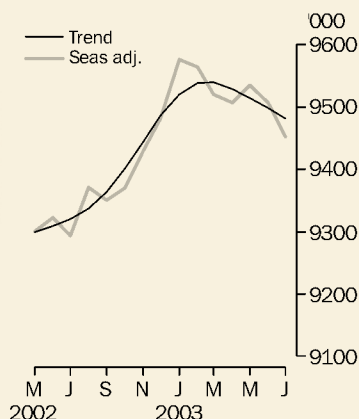


LABOUR FORCE

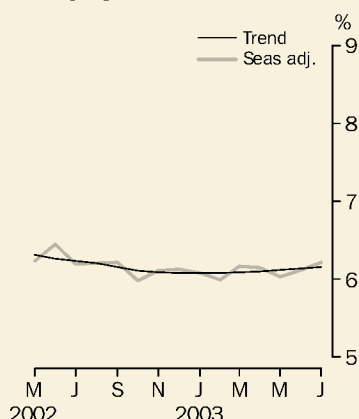
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Employed persons



Unemployment rate



INQUIRIES

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KEY FIGURES

| | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Jun 03 to Jul 03 |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------|
| Trend | | | |
| Employed persons ('000) | 9 498.6 | 9 481.6 | -0.2 % |
| Unemployed persons ('000) | 621.0 | 622.1 | 0.2 % |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 6.1 | 6.2 | 0.0 pts |
| Participation rate (%) | 63.7 | 63.6 | -0.2 pts |
| Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
| Employed persons ('000) | 9 507.5 | 9 452.3 | -55.2 |
| Unemployed persons ('000) | 620.0 | 626.9 | 6.9 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 6.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 pts |
| Participation rate (%) | 63.8 | 63.4 | -0.4 pts |

KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- EMPLOYMENT decreased to 9,481,600.
- UNEMPLOYMENT increased to 622,100.
- UNEMPLOYMENT RATE increased marginally to 6.2%.
- PARTICIPATION RATE decreased to 63.6%.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- EMPLOYMENT decreased by 55,200 to 9,452,300. Full-time employment decreased by 700 to 6,757,900 and part-time employment decreased by 54,500 to 2,694,400.
- UNEMPLOYMENT increased by 6,900 to 626,900. The number of persons looking for full-time work decreased by 7,100 to 465,900 and the number of persons looking for part-time work increased by 14,000 to 161,000.
- UNEMPLOYMENT RATE increased by 0.1 percentage point to 6.2%. The male rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1% and the female rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 6.4%. NSW 6.4% (6.0% last month), Vic 5.7% (5.9%), Qld 6.8% (6.8%), SA 6.0% (6.3%), WA 6.2% (5.5%), Tas 6.7% (8.4%).
- PARTICIPATION RATE decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 63.4%

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

| ISSUE | RELEASE DATE |
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| August 2003 | 11 September 2003 |
| September 2003 | 9 October 2003 |
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| January 2004 | 12 February 2004 |

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ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict unrounded estimates.

SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 31 and 32.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval has a 95% chance of including the true value of the estimate.

MOVEMENTS IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY 2003

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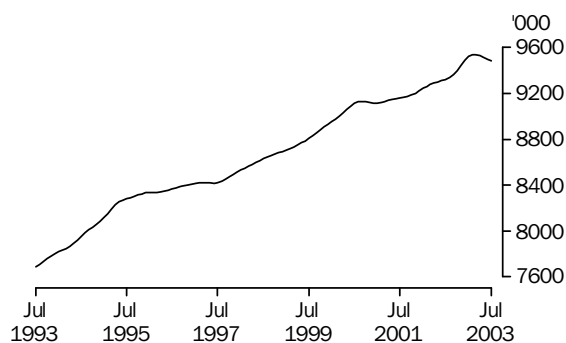
| | Monthly change | 95% Confidence interval | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----|----------|
| Total Employment | -55 200 | -92 000 | to | -18 400 |
| Total Unemployment | 6 900 | -6 900 | to | 20 700 |
| Unemployment rate | 0.1 pts | -0.1 pts | to | 0.3 pts |
| Participation rate | -0.4 pts | -0.6 pts | to | -0.2 pts |

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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES TREND ESTIMATES

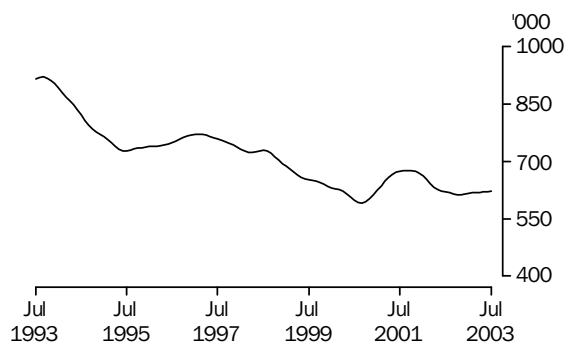
EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons generally rose from a low of 7,634,000 in January 1993 to 9,129,300 in September 2000. The trend then fell slightly to 9,112,900 in December 2000, before rising to 9,539,600 in March 2003. The trend has since fallen to stand at 9,481,600 in July 2003.



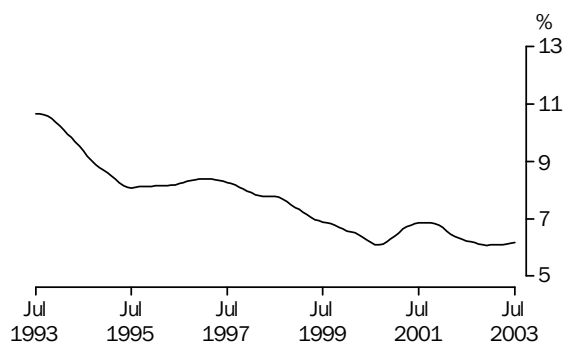
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons fell rapidly from 920,600 in September 1993 to 728,100 in July 1995. The trend then rose to 771,800 in February 1997, before falling to 590,900 in September 2000. After rising to 675,900 in October 2001, the trend then fell to 612,100 in November 2002. It has since risen to stand at 622,100 in July 2003.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The trend unemployment rate fell rapidly from 10.7% in August 1993 to 8.1% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly until February 1997, before falling to 6.1% in September 2000. The trend rate then rose to 6.9% in September 2001, before falling to 6.1% in October 2002. Since then, the trend has remained relatively stable, and stands at 6.2% in July 2003.

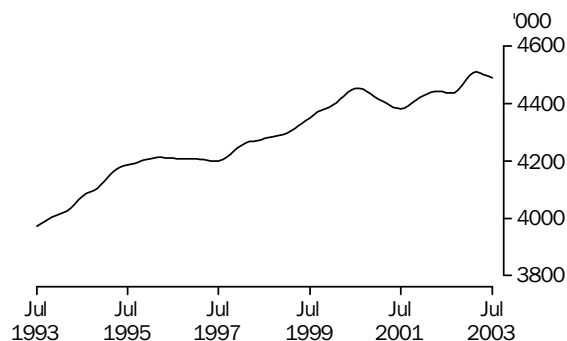


EMPLOYED PERSONS TREND ESTIMATES

MALES EMPLOYED FULL TIME

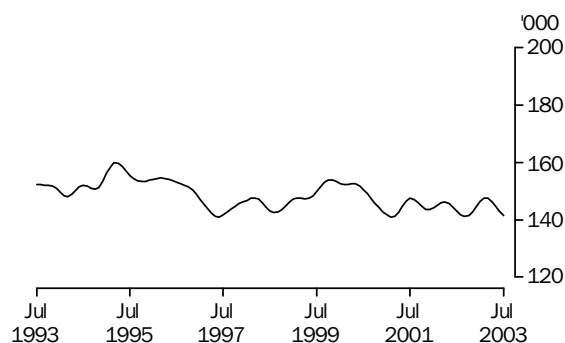
TOTAL

Apart from a flat period between 1995 and 1997, the trend estimate of males employed full time rose steadily, from a low of 3,938,900 in December 1992 to a peak of 4,453,300 in August 2000. The trend then fell to 4,382,700 in July 2001, before rising to 4,510,200 in March 2003. Since then the trend has fallen to stand at 4,490,600 in July 2003.



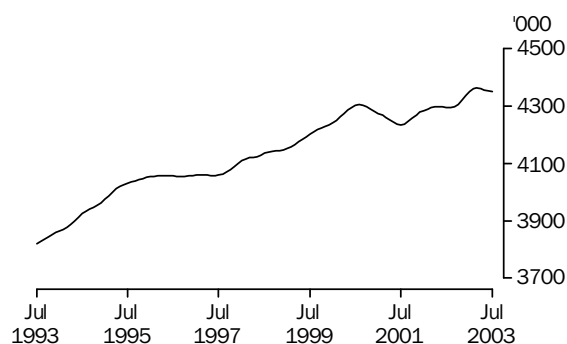
MALES AGED 15-19

Although fluctuating, the trend estimate of males aged 15 to 19 employed full time generally decreased through the last decade from 152,400 in July 1993 to 141,400 in July 2003.



MALES AGED 20 AND OVER

Apart from a flat period between May 1995 and June 1997, the trend estimate of males aged 20 and over employed full time rose steadily, from a low of 3,787,000 in December 1992 to 4,304,300 in August 2000. The trend then fell to 4,235,200 in July 2001. Since then it generally rose to 4,362,600 in March 2003, before falling for the past four months to stand at 4,349,200 in July 2003.

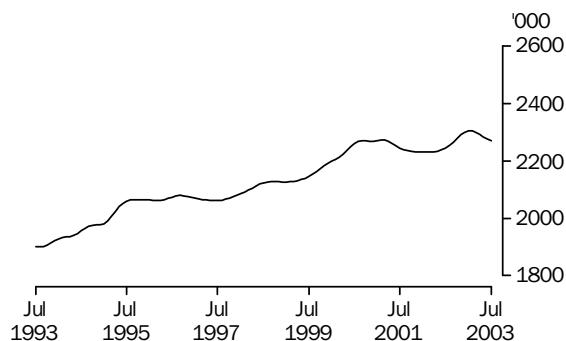


EMPLOYED PERSONS TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

FEMALES EMPLOYED FULL TIME

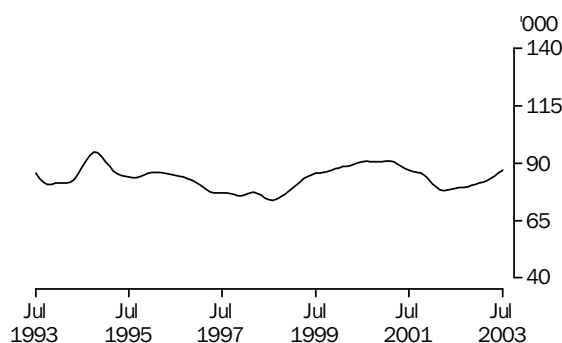
TOTAL

The trend estimate of females employed full time generally rose from 1,900,400 in August 1993 to 2,274,100 in February 2001. The trend then decreased to 2,230,400 in March 2002, before rising to stand at 2,305,900 in February 2003. The trend has since decreased to stand at 2,270,100 in July 2003.



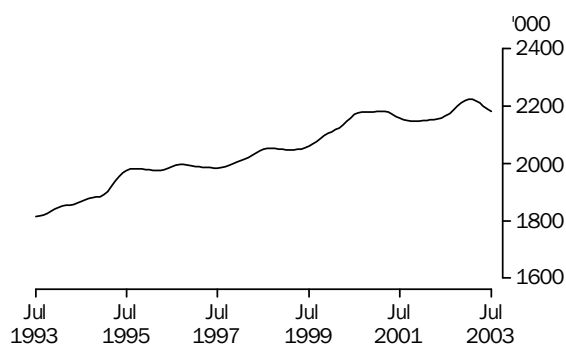
FEMALES AGED 15-19

The trend estimate of females aged 15 to 19 employed full time fell from 95,000 in October 1994 to 73,900 in August 1998. The trend then rose to 91,000 in February 2001, before falling to 78,100 in April 2002. Since then the trend has increased steadily to stand at 86,900 in July 2003.



FEMALES AGED 20 AND OVER

The trend estimate of females aged 20 and over employed full time generally increased from a low of 1,770,500 in August 1992 to 2,183,100 in February 2001. The trend then decreased to 2,147,800 in November 2001, before rising to 2,224,600 in January 2003. The trend has since decreased to 2,183,200 in July 2003.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Original

| Month | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 and over | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Full time | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 4 446.0 | 746.8 | 5 192.7 | 298.5 | 65.7 | 364.1 | 5 556.9 | 2 141.4 | 7 698.3 | 6.6 | 72.2 |
| June | 4 415.9 | 805.2 | 5 221.1 | 297.5 | 55.0 | 352.4 | 5 573.5 | 2 135.0 | 7 708.6 | 6.3 | 72.3 |
| July | 4 447.8 | 777.3 | 5 225.1 | 273.4 | 47.5 | 320.9 | 5 546.0 | 2 172.6 | 7 718.6 | 5.8 | 71.9 |
| August | 4 395.0 | 785.9 | 5 180.9 | 276.4 | 64.8 | 341.3 | 5 522.2 | 2 206.5 | 7 728.7 | 6.2 | 71.5 |
| September | 4 475.8 | 768.6 | 5 244.4 | 287.3 | 68.2 | 355.5 | 5 599.9 | 2 138.8 | 7 738.7 | 6.3 | 72.4 |
| October | 4 430.8 | 794.6 | 5 225.4 | 265.2 | 56.3 | 321.4 | 5 546.9 | 2 201.4 | 7 748.3 | 5.8 | 71.6 |
| November | 4 450.4 | 775.3 | 5 225.7 | 270.0 | 56.1 | 326.1 | 5 551.8 | 2 206.0 | 7 757.8 | 5.9 | 71.6 |
| December | 4 556.1 | 767.7 | 5 323.8 | 285.8 | 67.9 | 353.7 | 5 677.5 | 2 089.9 | 7 767.4 | 6.2 | 73.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 511.4 | 736.0 | 5 247.3 | 316.7 | 63.9 | 380.6 | 5 627.9 | 2 151.2 | 7 779.1 | 6.8 | 72.3 |
| February | 4 532.8 | 739.5 | 5 272.2 | 309.3 | 67.1 | 376.4 | 5 648.6 | 2 142.1 | 7 790.7 | 6.7 | 72.5 |
| March | 4 493.9 | 786.5 | 5 280.4 | 289.6 | 60.1 | 349.8 | 5 630.2 | 2 172.2 | 7 802.4 | 6.2 | 72.2 |
| April | 4 468.8 | 794.8 | 5 263.6 | 288.2 | 69.4 | 357.6 | 5 621.2 | 2 191.5 | 7 812.7 | 6.4 | 71.9 |
| May | 4 488.8 | 780.9 | 5 269.7 | 283.7 | 60.3 | 344.0 | 5 613.7 | 2 209.4 | 7 823.1 | 6.1 | 71.8 |
| June | 4 473.0 | 800.9 | 5 274.0 | 282.2 | 56.5 | 338.7 | 5 612.7 | 2 220.8 | 7 833.5 | 6.0 | 71.6 |
| July | 4 503.9 | 787.6 | 5 291.5 | 261.9 | 52.8 | 314.6 | 5 606.1 | 2 239.1 | 7 845.2 | 5.6 | 71.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2 217.5 | 1 873.7 | 4 091.2 | 166.2 | 96.0 | 262.1 | 4 353.3 | 3 554.5 | 7 907.8 | 6.0 | 55.1 |
| June | 2 196.8 | 1 921.6 | 4 118.4 | 181.5 | 90.5 | 272.0 | 4 390.4 | 3 527.8 | 7 918.2 | 6.2 | 55.4 |
| July | 2 250.8 | 1 872.1 | 4 122.9 | 150.8 | 86.1 | 236.9 | 4 359.8 | 3 568.9 | 7 928.7 | 5.4 | 55.0 |
| August | 2 248.3 | 1 880.8 | 4 129.1 | 164.7 | 90.1 | 254.8 | 4 383.9 | 3 555.2 | 7 939.1 | 5.8 | 55.2 |
| September | 2 304.5 | 1 898.5 | 4 203.0 | 167.4 | 105.5 | 273.0 | 4 475.9 | 3 473.7 | 7 949.7 | 6.1 | 56.3 |
| October | 2 260.9 | 1 904.2 | 4 165.2 | 150.9 | 97.5 | 248.4 | 4 413.6 | 3 545.8 | 7 959.4 | 5.6 | 55.5 |
| November | 2 276.2 | 1 918.8 | 4 195.0 | 166.8 | 83.7 | 250.5 | 4 445.5 | 3 523.7 | 7 969.2 | 5.6 | 55.8 |
| December | 2 354.8 | 1 912.9 | 4 267.7 | 175.0 | 95.5 | 270.5 | 4 538.2 | 3 440.8 | 7 979.0 | 6.0 | 56.9 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 332.3 | 1 860.0 | 4 192.3 | 191.3 | 80.9 | 272.2 | 4 464.5 | 3 526.6 | 7 991.1 | 6.1 | 55.9 |
| February | 2 335.6 | 1 908.1 | 4 243.8 | 199.4 | 103.9 | 303.3 | 4 547.1 | 3 456.1 | 8 003.1 | 6.7 | 56.8 |
| March | 2 268.2 | 1 950.0 | 4 218.2 | 200.1 | 106.9 | 307.0 | 4 525.2 | 3 490.0 | 8 015.2 | 6.8 | 56.5 |
| April | 2 261.8 | 1 972.2 | 4 234.0 | 176.9 | 95.3 | 272.2 | 4 506.2 | 3 520.0 | 8 026.1 | 6.0 | 56.1 |
| May | 2 276.7 | 1 972.2 | 4 248.9 | 182.8 | 94.1 | 276.9 | 4 525.8 | 3 511.2 | 8 037.1 | 6.1 | 56.3 |
| June | 2 237.4 | 2 012.3 | 4 249.6 | 179.1 | 84.6 | 263.6 | 4 513.3 | 3 534.8 | 8 048.0 | 5.8 | 56.1 |
| July | 2 294.7 | 1 921.7 | 4 216.4 | 165.4 | 87.9 | 253.4 | 4 469.7 | 3 591.2 | 8 060.9 | 5.7 | 55.4 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 6 663.5 | 2 620.4 | 9 283.9 | 464.6 | 161.7 | 626.3 | 9 910.2 | 5 695.9 | 15 606.1 | 6.3 | 63.5 |
| June | 6 612.8 | 2 726.7 | 9 339.5 | 478.9 | 145.5 | 624.4 | 9 964.0 | 5 662.8 | 15 626.7 | 6.3 | 63.8 |
| July | 6 698.6 | 2 649.4 | 9 348.0 | 424.2 | 133.6 | 557.8 | 9 905.8 | 5 741.5 | 15 647.3 | 5.6 | 63.3 |
| August | 6 643.4 | 2 666.7 | 9 310.1 | 441.1 | 154.9 | 596.1 | 9 906.1 | 5 761.7 | 15 667.8 | 6.0 | 63.2 |
| September | 6 780.3 | 2 667.1 | 9 447.4 | 454.7 | 173.7 | 628.5 | 10 075.9 | 5 612.5 | 15 688.4 | 6.2 | 64.2 |
| October | 6 691.7 | 2 698.9 | 9 390.6 | 416.1 | 153.8 | 569.9 | 9 960.5 | 5 747.2 | 15 707.7 | 5.7 | 63.4 |
| November | 6 726.6 | 2 694.1 | 9 420.7 | 436.8 | 139.8 | 576.6 | 9 997.3 | 5 729.7 | 15 727.0 | 5.8 | 63.6 |
| December | 6 910.9 | 2 680.7 | 9 591.5 | 460.7 | 163.4 | 624.1 | 10 215.7 | 5 530.7 | 15 746.4 | 6.1 | 64.9 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 843.7 | 2 596.0 | 9 439.7 | 507.9 | 144.8 | 652.7 | 10 092.4 | 5 677.7 | 15 770.1 | 6.5 | 64.0 |
| February | 6 868.4 | 2 647.6 | 9 516.0 | 508.7 | 170.9 | 679.7 | 10 195.7 | 5 598.1 | 15 793.8 | 6.7 | 64.6 |
| March | 6 762.1 | 2 736.5 | 9 498.6 | 489.8 | 167.0 | 656.8 | 10 155.4 | 5 662.2 | 15 817.6 | 6.5 | 64.2 |
| April | 6 730.6 | 2 767.1 | 9 497.7 | 465.1 | 164.7 | 629.7 | 10 127.4 | 5 711.5 | 15 838.9 | 6.2 | 63.9 |
| May | 6 765.5 | 2 753.1 | 9 518.6 | 466.5 | 154.4 | 620.9 | 10 139.5 | 5 720.6 | 15 860.2 | 6.1 | 63.9 |
| June | 6 710.4 | 2 813.2 | 9 523.6 | 461.3 | 141.0 | 602.4 | 10 125.9 | 5 755.6 | 15 881.6 | 5.9 | 63.8 |
| July | 6 798.6 | 2 709.2 | 9 507.9 | 427.3 | 140.7 | 568.0 | 10 075.9 | 5 830.3 | 15 906.1 | 5.6 | 63.3 |

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Seasonally adjusted

| Month | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | Labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Full time | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 4 467.9 | 733.4 | 5 201.4 | 302.6 | 63.8 | 366.3 | 5 567.7 | 6.6 | 72.3 |
| June | 4 435.5 | 775.8 | 5 211.3 | 303.8 | 60.4 | 364.3 | 5 575.6 | 6.5 | 72.3 |
| July | 4 431.6 | 771.6 | 5 203.2 | 292.4 | 55.0 | 347.4 | 5 550.7 | 6.3 | 71.9 |
| August | 4 440.4 | 775.5 | 5 215.8 | 283.7 | 67.8 | 351.4 | 5 567.3 | 6.3 | 72.0 |
| September | 4 445.8 | 769.5 | 5 215.2 | 284.1 | 62.6 | 346.7 | 5 561.9 | 6.2 | 71.9 |
| October | 4 428.0 | 784.8 | 5 212.8 | 277.1 | 60.9 | 338.0 | 5 550.8 | 6.1 | 71.6 |
| November | 4 455.5 | 788.6 | 5 244.2 | 278.7 | 63.4 | 342.1 | 5 586.3 | 6.1 | 72.0 |
| December | 4 472.7 | 784.6 | 5 257.3 | 284.8 | 64.0 | 348.8 | 5 606.2 | 6.2 | 72.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 523.2 | 772.3 | 5 295.5 | 286.9 | 64.6 | 351.5 | 5 646.9 | 6.2 | 72.6 |
| February | 4 519.9 | 765.5 | 5 285.4 | 282.1 | 62.1 | 344.2 | 5 629.7 | 6.1 | 72.3 |
| March | 4 515.6 | 781.7 | 5 297.3 | 288.0 | 53.1 | 341.1 | 5 638.4 | 6.0 | 72.3 |
| April | 4 487.7 | 776.0 | 5 263.7 | 292.6 | 64.6 | 357.2 | 5 621.0 | 6.4 | 71.9 |
| May | 4 510.7 | 767.2 | 5 277.9 | 287.7 | 58.4 | 346.1 | 5 624.0 | 6.2 | 71.9 |
| June | 4 492.7 | 771.7 | 5 264.4 | 288.3 | 62.0 | 350.3 | 5 614.7 | 6.2 | 71.7 |
| July | 4 488.4 | 780.9 | 5 269.4 | 280.5 | 60.9 | 341.3 | 5 610.7 | 6.1 | 71.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2 242.2 | 1 857.2 | 4 099.4 | 159.7 | 93.1 | 252.8 | 4 352.2 | 5.8 | 55.0 |
| June | 2 224.1 | 1 887.8 | 4 111.8 | 187.5 | 91.1 | 278.6 | 4 390.4 | 6.3 | 55.4 |
| July | 2 225.7 | 1 865.0 | 4 090.7 | 168.7 | 97.9 | 266.6 | 4 357.4 | 6.1 | 55.0 |
| August | 2 285.3 | 1 869.8 | 4 155.1 | 174.6 | 94.1 | 268.7 | 4 423.8 | 6.1 | 55.7 |
| September | 2 272.9 | 1 862.6 | 4 135.6 | 171.2 | 101.7 | 272.9 | 4 408.5 | 6.2 | 55.5 |
| October | 2 258.6 | 1 898.5 | 4 157.1 | 157.5 | 101.4 | 258.9 | 4 415.9 | 5.9 | 55.5 |
| November | 2 280.3 | 1 905.3 | 4 185.6 | 176.3 | 95.7 | 272.0 | 4 457.6 | 6.1 | 55.9 |
| December | 2 307.1 | 1 917.4 | 4 224.5 | 170.8 | 99.6 | 270.4 | 4 494.8 | 6.0 | 56.3 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 318.9 | 1 961.4 | 4 280.3 | 179.9 | 88.3 | 268.2 | 4 548.6 | 5.9 | 56.9 |
| February | 2 332.2 | 1 945.9 | 4 278.1 | 176.1 | 89.4 | 265.5 | 4 543.6 | 5.8 | 56.8 |
| March | 2 271.8 | 1 951.6 | 4 223.4 | 193.5 | 91.1 | 284.6 | 4 508.0 | 6.3 | 56.2 |
| April | 2 287.7 | 1 955.0 | 4 242.7 | 175.4 | 90.1 | 265.5 | 4 508.2 | 5.9 | 56.2 |
| May | 2 301.9 | 1 955.6 | 4 257.5 | 175.3 | 91.2 | 266.5 | 4 523.9 | 5.9 | 56.3 |
| June | 2 265.9 | 1 977.2 | 4 243.1 | 184.7 | 85.0 | 269.7 | 4 512.8 | 6.0 | 56.1 |
| July | 2 269.5 | 1 913.4 | 4 182.9 | 185.5 | 100.1 | 285.6 | 4 468.5 | 6.4 | 55.4 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 6 710.2 | 2 590.6 | 9 300.8 | 462.2 | 156.9 | 619.1 | 9 919.9 | 6.2 | 63.6 |
| June | 6 659.5 | 2 663.6 | 9 323.1 | 491.3 | 151.5 | 642.8 | 9 966.0 | 6.5 | 63.8 |
| July | 6 657.3 | 2 636.6 | 9 293.9 | 461.2 | 152.9 | 614.1 | 9 908.0 | 6.2 | 63.3 |
| August | 6 725.6 | 2 645.3 | 9 370.9 | 458.3 | 161.9 | 620.2 | 9 991.1 | 6.2 | 63.8 |
| September | 6 718.7 | 2 632.1 | 9 350.8 | 455.3 | 164.2 | 619.6 | 9 970.4 | 6.2 | 63.6 |
| October | 6 686.6 | 2 683.3 | 9 369.8 | 434.5 | 162.3 | 596.9 | 9 966.7 | 6.0 | 63.5 |
| November | 6 735.9 | 2 693.9 | 9 429.8 | 455.0 | 159.1 | 614.1 | 10 043.9 | 6.1 | 63.9 |
| December | 6 779.8 | 2 702.0 | 9 481.8 | 455.6 | 163.6 | 619.2 | 10 101.0 | 6.1 | 64.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 842.1 | 2 733.7 | 9 575.8 | 466.8 | 152.9 | 619.7 | 10 195.5 | 6.1 | 64.7 |
| February | 6 852.1 | 2 711.4 | 9 563.5 | 458.2 | 151.6 | 609.7 | 10 173.3 | 6.0 | 64.4 |
| March | 6 787.4 | 2 733.3 | 9 520.7 | 481.5 | 144.2 | 625.6 | 10 146.3 | 6.2 | 64.1 |
| April | 6 775.4 | 2 731.0 | 9 506.4 | 468.0 | 154.7 | 622.7 | 10 129.1 | 6.1 | 64.0 |
| May | 6 812.6 | 2 722.8 | 9 535.4 | 463.0 | 149.6 | 612.5 | 10 147.9 | 6.0 | 64.0 |
| June | 6 758.6 | 2 748.9 | 9 507.5 | 473.0 | 147.0 | 620.0 | 10 127.5 | 6.1 | 63.8 |
| July | 6 757.9 | 2 694.4 | 9 452.3 | 465.9 | 161.0 | 626.9 | 10 079.2 | 6.2 | 63.4 |

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Trend(a)

| Month | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | Labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Full time | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 4 443.1 | 756.4 | 5 199.4 | 303.0 | 62.4 | 365.4 | 5 564.8 | 6.6 | 72.3 |
| June | 4 441.4 | 762.0 | 5 203.4 | 297.8 | 61.7 | 359.4 | 5 562.8 | 6.5 | 72.2 |
| July | 4 438.4 | 768.0 | 5 206.4 | 292.1 | 61.5 | 353.6 | 5 559.9 | 6.4 | 72.0 |
| August | 4 436.3 | 774.3 | 5 210.6 | 287.1 | 61.7 | 348.8 | 5 559.4 | 6.3 | 71.9 |
| September | 4 438.4 | 779.3 | 5 217.7 | 283.2 | 62.4 | 345.6 | 5 563.3 | 6.2 | 71.9 |
| October | 4 447.8 | 781.6 | 5 229.4 | 280.8 | 63.1 | 343.9 | 5 573.3 | 6.2 | 71.9 |
| November | 4 463.4 | 781.5 | 5 245.0 | 280.5 | 63.4 | 343.9 | 5 588.8 | 6.2 | 72.0 |
| December | 4 481.7 | 780.1 | 5 261.8 | 281.8 | 63.0 | 344.8 | 5 606.6 | 6.2 | 72.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4 497.6 | 778.1 | 5 275.7 | 284.2 | 62.1 | 346.2 | 5 622.0 | 6.2 | 72.3 |
| February | 4 507.7 | 775.5 | 5 283.2 | 286.3 | 61.2 | 347.5 | 5 630.7 | 6.2 | 72.3 |
| March | 4 510.2 | 773.6 | 5 283.8 | 287.7 | 60.5 | 348.2 | 5 632.0 | 6.2 | 72.2 |
| April | 4 506.9 | 773.0 | 5 279.9 | 288.0 | 60.1 | 348.2 | 5 628.1 | 6.2 | 72.0 |
| May | 4 501.8 | 773.4 | 5 275.2 | 287.7 | 60.1 | 347.8 | 5 623.0 | 6.2 | 71.9 |
| June | 4 496.8 | 774.1 | 5 270.9 | 286.9 | 60.3 | 347.2 | 5 618.1 | 6.2 | 71.7 |
| July | 4 490.6 | 775.4 | 5 266.0 | 285.9 | 60.6 | 346.5 | 5 612.5 | 6.2 | 71.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2 233.5 | 1 866.2 | 4 099.7 | 172.1 | 89.6 | 261.7 | 4 361.4 | 6.0 | 55.2 |
| June | 2 238.0 | 1 867.4 | 4 105.4 | 171.5 | 91.8 | 263.3 | 4 368.7 | 6.0 | 55.2 |
| July | 2 244.9 | 1 868.6 | 4 113.5 | 171.3 | 95.0 | 266.2 | 4 379.7 | 6.1 | 55.2 |
| August | 2 254.1 | 1 872.2 | 4 126.3 | 170.9 | 97.7 | 268.6 | 4 394.9 | 6.1 | 55.4 |
| September | 2 266.0 | 1 879.8 | 4 145.9 | 169.9 | 99.1 | 268.9 | 4 414.8 | 6.1 | 55.5 |
| October | 2 279.4 | 1 892.0 | 4 171.4 | 169.5 | 98.9 | 268.4 | 4 439.8 | 6.0 | 55.8 |
| November | 2 291.4 | 1 907.8 | 4 199.2 | 170.8 | 97.5 | 268.3 | 4 467.5 | 6.0 | 56.1 |
| December | 2 300.7 | 1 924.1 | 4 224.8 | 173.6 | 95.4 | 269.0 | 4 493.8 | 6.0 | 56.3 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 305.8 | 1 939.3 | 4 245.1 | 177.0 | 93.0 | 269.9 | 4 515.0 | 6.0 | 56.5 |
| February | 2 305.9 | 1 949.7 | 4 255.6 | 179.4 | 90.9 | 270.4 | 4 526.0 | 6.0 | 56.6 |
| March | 2 301.1 | 1 954.7 | 4 255.8 | 180.8 | 89.9 | 270.8 | 4 526.6 | 6.0 | 56.5 |
| April | 2 292.5 | 1 955.9 | 4 248.4 | 181.3 | 89.9 | 271.2 | 4 519.6 | 6.0 | 56.3 |
| May | 2 284.1 | 1 954.4 | 4 238.5 | 181.7 | 90.5 | 272.3 | 4 510.7 | 6.0 | 56.1 |
| June | 2 276.6 | 1 951.1 | 4 227.7 | 182.4 | 91.4 | 273.8 | 4 501.5 | 6.1 | 55.9 |
| July | 2 270.1 | 1 945.4 | 4 215.5 | 182.7 | 93.0 | 275.7 | 4 491.2 | 6.1 | 55.8 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 6 676.5 | 2 622.6 | 9 299.1 | 475.2 | 151.9 | 627.1 | 9 926.2 | 6.3 | 63.6 |
| June | 6 679.4 | 2 629.3 | 9 308.7 | 469.3 | 153.5 | 622.7 | 9 931.5 | 6.3 | 63.6 |
| July | 6 683.3 | 2 636.6 | 9 319.9 | 463.4 | 156.4 | 619.8 | 9 939.7 | 6.2 | 63.5 |
| August | 6 690.4 | 2 646.4 | 9 336.8 | 458.0 | 159.5 | 617.5 | 9 954.3 | 6.2 | 63.5 |
| September | 6 704.4 | 2 659.1 | 9 363.5 | 453.1 | 161.5 | 614.5 | 9 978.1 | 6.2 | 63.6 |
| October | 6 727.3 | 2 673.6 | 9 400.8 | 450.3 | 162.0 | 612.3 | 10 013.2 | 6.1 | 63.7 |
| November | 6 754.8 | 2 689.3 | 9 444.2 | 451.3 | 160.9 | 612.1 | 10 056.3 | 6.1 | 63.9 |
| December | 6 782.4 | 2 704.2 | 9 486.6 | 455.4 | 158.4 | 613.8 | 10 100.5 | 6.1 | 64.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 803.4 | 2 717.4 | 9 520.8 | 461.1 | 155.0 | 616.2 | 10 137.0 | 6.1 | 64.3 |
| February | 6 813.6 | 2 725.2 | 9 538.8 | 465.7 | 152.1 | 617.9 | 10 156.7 | 6.1 | 64.3 |
| March | 6 811.2 | 2 728.3 | 9 539.6 | 468.5 | 150.5 | 619.0 | 10 158.6 | 6.1 | 64.2 |
| April | 6 799.4 | 2 728.9 | 9 528.3 | 469.3 | 150.1 | 619.4 | 10 147.7 | 6.1 | 64.1 |
| May | 6 785.9 | 2 727.8 | 9 513.7 | 469.4 | 150.7 | 620.1 | 10 133.8 | 6.1 | 63.9 |
| June | 6 773.4 | 2 725.2 | 9 498.6 | 469.2 | 151.8 | 621.0 | 10 119.6 | 6.1 | 63.7 |
| July | 6 760.7 | 2 720.8 | 9 481.6 | 468.5 | 153.6 | 622.1 | 10 103.7 | 6.2 | 63.6 |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2003 to June 2003 have been revised.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, Original

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 34.5 | 263.9 | 298.5 | 65.7 | 364.1 | 19.7 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| June | 33.1 | 264.4 | 297.5 | 55.0 | 352.4 | 18.9 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 3.8 |
| July | 31.1 | 242.3 | 273.4 | 47.5 | 320.9 | 17.1 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| August | 30.7 | 245.7 | 276.4 | 64.8 | 341.3 | 18.7 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| September | 29.8 | 257.5 | 287.3 | 68.2 | 355.5 | 17.8 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 |
| October | 33.7 | 231.5 | 265.2 | 56.3 | 321.4 | 19.7 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 3.3 |
| November | 34.6 | 235.4 | 270.0 | 56.1 | 326.1 | 20.9 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 3.3 |
| December | 44.7 | 241.0 | 285.8 | 67.9 | 353.7 | 21.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 3.4 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 50.5 | 266.1 | 316.7 | 63.9 | 380.6 | 24.5 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 3.8 |
| February | 41.7 | 267.6 | 309.3 | 67.1 | 376.4 | 21.4 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 8.3 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 3.8 |
| March | 41.5 | 248.1 | 289.6 | 60.1 | 349.8 | 22.2 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 3.5 |
| April | 35.3 | 252.9 | 288.2 | 69.4 | 357.6 | 19.6 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| May | 35.2 | 248.5 | 283.7 | 60.3 | 344.0 | 19.9 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| June | 32.6 | 249.6 | 282.2 | 56.5 | 338.7 | 19.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 3.5 |
| July | 29.9 | 231.9 | 261.9 | 52.8 | 314.6 | 16.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 28.7 | 137.4 | 166.2 | 96.0 | 262.1 | 27.6 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 1.9 |
| June | 30.5 | 150.9 | 181.5 | 90.5 | 272.0 | 29.3 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 2.1 |
| July | 22.0 | 128.8 | 150.8 | 86.1 | 236.9 | 21.0 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 1.8 |
| August | 24.1 | 140.6 | 164.7 | 90.1 | 254.8 | 24.8 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 1.9 |
| September | 24.4 | 143.1 | 167.4 | 105.5 | 273.0 | 24.7 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 3.6 | 2.0 |
| October | 23.9 | 127.0 | 150.9 | 97.5 | 248.4 | 23.8 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 1.7 |
| November | 25.7 | 141.1 | 166.8 | 83.7 | 250.5 | 24.6 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 1.9 |
| December | 28.1 | 146.9 | 175.0 | 95.5 | 270.5 | 23.3 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 35.9 | 155.3 | 191.3 | 80.9 | 272.2 | 27.5 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 2.1 |
| February | 32.7 | 166.8 | 199.4 | 103.9 | 303.3 | 27.3 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 2.3 |
| March | 31.3 | 168.8 | 200.1 | 106.9 | 307.0 | 28.1 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 2.3 |
| April | 26.5 | 150.4 | 176.9 | 95.3 | 272.2 | 25.9 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| May | 25.8 | 157.0 | 182.8 | 94.1 | 276.9 | 24.2 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 2.1 |
| June | 26.0 | 153.1 | 179.1 | 84.6 | 263.6 | 24.5 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 2.1 |
| July | 19.8 | 145.7 | 165.4 | 87.9 | 253.4 | 17.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 63.3 | 401.4 | 464.6 | 161.7 | 626.3 | 22.6 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| June | 63.6 | 415.3 | 478.9 | 145.5 | 624.4 | 22.8 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 2.9 |
| July | 53.1 | 371.1 | 424.2 | 133.6 | 557.8 | 18.6 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 2.6 |
| August | 54.8 | 386.4 | 441.1 | 154.9 | 596.1 | 20.9 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 2.7 |
| September | 54.2 | 400.6 | 454.7 | 173.7 | 628.5 | 20.3 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 2.8 |
| October | 57.6 | 358.5 | 416.1 | 153.8 | 569.9 | 21.2 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| November | 60.3 | 376.5 | 436.8 | 139.8 | 576.6 | 22.3 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 2.6 |
| December | 72.8 | 387.9 | 460.7 | 163.4 | 624.1 | 22.3 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 2.7 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.5 | 421.4 | 507.9 | 144.8 | 652.7 | 25.6 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 2.9 |
| February | 74.4 | 434.4 | 508.7 | 170.9 | 679.7 | 23.7 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 3.0 |
| March | 72.9 | 416.9 | 489.8 | 167.0 | 656.8 | 24.4 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 2.9 |
| April | 61.8 | 403.3 | 465.1 | 164.7 | 629.7 | 21.9 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 2.8 |
| May | 61.0 | 405.5 | 466.5 | 154.4 | 620.9 | 21.5 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| June | 58.6 | 402.7 | 461.3 | 141.0 | 602.4 | 21.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 2.8 |
| July | 49.7 | 377.6 | 427.3 | 140.7 | 568.0 | 17.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 2.6 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, Seasonally adjusted

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 37.0 | 265.5 | 302.6 | 63.8 | 366.3 | 20.1 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 3.8 |
| June | 35.2 | 268.6 | 303.8 | 60.4 | 364.3 | 19.6 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| July | 35.0 | 257.4 | 292.4 | 55.0 | 347.4 | 19.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| August | 35.7 | 247.9 | 283.7 | 67.8 | 351.4 | 20.2 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 3.5 |
| September | 33.3 | 250.8 | 284.1 | 62.6 | 346.7 | 19.1 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 3.6 |
| October | 36.8 | 240.3 | 277.1 | 60.9 | 338.0 | 20.6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 3.4 |
| November | 36.3 | 242.4 | 278.7 | 63.4 | 342.1 | 20.6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 3.4 |
| December | 37.5 | 247.3 | 284.8 | 64.0 | 348.8 | 20.6 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 39.5 | 247.4 | 286.9 | 64.6 | 351.5 | 21.2 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 3.5 |
| February | 36.1 | 246.0 | 282.1 | 62.1 | 344.2 | 19.5 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 3.5 |
| March | 41.3 | 246.7 | 288.0 | 53.1 | 341.1 | 21.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 3.5 |
| April | 35.9 | 256.7 | 292.6 | 64.6 | 357.2 | 19.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 3.6 |
| May | 37.8 | 249.9 | 287.7 | 58.4 | 346.1 | 20.4 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 |
| June | 34.8 | 253.6 | 288.3 | 62.0 | 350.3 | 19.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| July | 33.7 | 246.7 | 280.5 | 60.9 | 341.3 | 19.4 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 3.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 27.7 | 132.0 | 159.7 | 93.1 | 252.8 | 25.7 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 1.8 |
| June | 32.9 | 154.6 | 187.5 | 91.1 | 278.6 | 29.5 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 2.1 |
| July | 24.0 | 144.8 | 168.7 | 97.9 | 266.6 | 23.2 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 3.6 | 2.0 |
| August | 27.6 | 147.0 | 174.6 | 94.1 | 268.7 | 25.6 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| September | 27.2 | 144.0 | 171.2 | 101.7 | 272.9 | 25.7 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| October | 26.5 | 130.9 | 157.5 | 101.4 | 258.9 | 25.2 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 1.8 |
| November | 27.5 | 148.9 | 176.3 | 95.7 | 272.0 | 25.4 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| December | 22.8 | 147.9 | 170.8 | 99.6 | 270.4 | 21.8 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 3.4 | 2.0 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 29.7 | 150.2 | 179.9 | 88.3 | 268.2 | 26.9 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 2.1 |
| February | 29.5 | 146.6 | 176.1 | 89.4 | 265.5 | 26.7 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 2.0 |
| March | 31.2 | 162.3 | 193.5 | 91.1 | 284.6 | 26.8 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 2.2 |
| April | 27.6 | 147.7 | 175.4 | 90.1 | 265.5 | 26.0 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| May | 24.8 | 150.4 | 175.3 | 91.2 | 266.5 | 22.5 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 2.0 |
| June | 27.9 | 156.8 | 184.7 | 85.0 | 269.7 | 24.7 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 2.1 |
| July | 21.5 | 164.0 | 185.5 | 100.1 | 285.6 | 19.4 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 2.2 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 64.7 | 397.6 | 462.2 | 156.9 | 619.1 | 22.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 2.8 |
| June | 68.1 | 423.2 | 491.3 | 151.5 | 642.8 | 23.4 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 3.0 |
| July | 59.0 | 402.2 | 461.2 | 152.9 | 614.1 | 21.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 2.8 |
| August | 63.3 | 394.9 | 458.3 | 161.9 | 620.2 | 22.3 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| September | 60.5 | 394.8 | 455.3 | 164.2 | 619.6 | 21.6 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| October | 63.3 | 371.2 | 434.5 | 162.3 | 596.9 | 22.3 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 2.6 |
| November | 63.8 | 391.2 | 455.0 | 159.1 | 614.1 | 22.4 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| December | 60.3 | 395.2 | 455.6 | 163.6 | 619.2 | 21.0 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 2.7 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 69.2 | 397.6 | 466.8 | 152.9 | 619.7 | 23.3 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 2.8 |
| February | 65.7 | 392.5 | 458.2 | 151.6 | 609.7 | 22.2 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 2.7 |
| March | 72.5 | 409.0 | 481.5 | 144.2 | 625.6 | 23.6 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 2.8 |
| April | 63.5 | 404.4 | 468.0 | 154.7 | 622.7 | 22.0 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| May | 62.6 | 400.4 | 463.0 | 149.6 | 612.5 | 21.2 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| June | 62.7 | 410.3 | 473.0 | 147.0 | 620.0 | 21.8 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| July | 55.2 | 410.7 | 465.9 | 161.0 | 626.9 | 19.4 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 2.8 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, Trend(a)

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 36.8 | 266.3 | 303.0 | 62.4 | 365.4 | 20.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 3.8 |
| June | 35.8 | 261.9 | 297.8 | 61.7 | 359.4 | 19.9 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 3.7 |
| July | 35.1 | 257.0 | 292.1 | 61.5 | 353.6 | 19.7 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| August | 34.9 | 252.2 | 287.1 | 61.7 | 348.8 | 19.8 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| September | 35.2 | 248.0 | 283.2 | 62.4 | 345.6 | 20.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| October | 35.8 | 245.0 | 280.8 | 63.1 | 343.9 | 20.2 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 3.5 |
| November | 36.6 | 243.8 | 280.5 | 63.4 | 343.9 | 20.4 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 3.5 |
| December | 37.5 | 244.3 | 281.8 | 63.0 | 344.8 | 20.6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 38.2 | 246.0 | 284.2 | 62.1 | 346.2 | 20.7 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 |
| February | 38.4 | 247.9 | 286.3 | 61.2 | 347.5 | 20.6 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 3.5 |
| March | 38.1 | 249.6 | 287.7 | 60.5 | 348.2 | 20.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 3.5 |
| April | 37.4 | 250.6 | 288.0 | 60.1 | 348.2 | 20.3 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 3.5 |
| May | 36.6 | 251.1 | 287.7 | 60.1 | 347.8 | 20.1 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 3.5 |
| June | 35.7 | 251.2 | 286.9 | 60.3 | 347.2 | 19.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 3.5 |
| July | 34.8 | 251.1 | 285.9 | 60.6 | 346.5 | 19.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 28.5 | 143.7 | 172.1 | 89.6 | 261.7 | 26.7 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 2.0 |
| June | 28.1 | 143.4 | 171.5 | 91.8 | 263.3 | 26.4 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| July | 27.7 | 143.6 | 171.3 | 95.0 | 266.2 | 26.0 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| August | 27.2 | 143.7 | 170.9 | 97.7 | 268.6 | 25.5 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| September | 26.6 | 143.3 | 169.9 | 99.1 | 268.9 | 25.1 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 2.0 |
| October | 26.3 | 143.2 | 169.5 | 98.9 | 268.4 | 24.8 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| November | 26.6 | 144.2 | 170.8 | 97.5 | 268.3 | 24.9 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 |
| December | 27.3 | 146.3 | 173.6 | 95.4 | 269.0 | 25.3 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 28.1 | 148.8 | 177.0 | 93.0 | 269.9 | 25.7 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| February | 28.6 | 150.8 | 179.4 | 90.9 | 270.4 | 25.9 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 2.1 |
| March | 28.6 | 152.2 | 180.8 | 89.9 | 270.8 | 25.8 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 2.1 |
| April | 28.0 | 153.3 | 181.3 | 89.9 | 271.2 | 25.2 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.1 |
| May | 26.9 | 154.8 | 181.7 | 90.5 | 272.3 | 24.2 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 2.1 |
| June | 25.7 | 156.7 | 182.4 | 91.4 | 273.8 | 23.1 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 2.1 |
| July | 24.2 | 158.5 | 182.7 | 93.0 | 275.7 | 21.8 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 3.6 | 2.1 |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2003 to June 2003 have been revised.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, Trend(a) *continued*

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|---|---|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 65.3 | 409.9 | 475.2 | 151.9 | 627.1 | 22.6 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 2.9 |
| June | 63.9 | 405.3 | 469.3 | 153.5 | 622.7 | 22.3 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 2.8 |
| July | 62.8 | 400.6 | 463.4 | 156.4 | 619.8 | 22.1 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| August | 62.1 | 395.9 | 458.0 | 159.5 | 617.5 | 21.9 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 2.8 |
| September | 61.8 | 391.3 | 453.1 | 161.5 | 614.5 | 21.9 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 2.7 |
| October | 62.1 | 388.2 | 450.3 | 162.0 | 612.3 | 21.9 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 2.7 |
| November | 63.2 | 388.0 | 451.3 | 160.9 | 612.1 | 22.1 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 2.7 |
| December | 64.8 | 390.7 | 455.4 | 158.4 | 613.8 | 22.3 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 66.3 | 394.8 | 461.1 | 155.0 | 616.2 | 22.6 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 2.7 |
| February | 67.0 | 398.8 | 465.7 | 152.1 | 617.9 | 22.6 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 2.8 |
| March | 66.7 | 401.8 | 468.5 | 150.5 | 619.0 | 22.5 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 2.8 |
| April | 65.4 | 403.9 | 469.3 | 150.1 | 619.4 | 22.1 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 2.8 |
| May | 63.5 | 406.0 | 469.4 | 150.7 | 620.1 | 21.7 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| June | 61.4 | 407.9 | 469.2 | 151.8 | 621.0 | 21.1 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 2.8 |
| July | 59.0 | 409.5 | 468.5 | 153.6 | 622.1 | 20.5 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 2.8 |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2003 to June 2003 have been revised.

| | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15–19 | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Full time | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 140.1 | 35.4 | 175.4 | 25.5 | *2.6 | 28.1 | 203.5 | 28.6 | 232.1 | 13.8 | 87.7 |
| Females | 81.3 | 53.0 | 134.3 | 16.3 | *1.3 | 17.6 | 151.9 | 33.9 | 185.8 | 11.6 | 81.8 |
| Persons | 221.4 | 88.4 | 309.7 | 41.8 | *3.9 | 45.7 | 355.4 | 62.4 | 417.9 | 12.9 | 85.1 |
| ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | *4.2 | 44.0 | 48.2 | *3.3 | 7.1 | 10.4 | 58.7 | 46.1 | 104.8 | 17.8 | 56.0 |
| Females | 7.3 | 65.2 | 72.5 | *2.1 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 81.6 | 42.7 | 124.3 | 11.2 | 65.7 |
| Persons | 11.5 | 109.2 | 120.7 | 5.4 | 14.2 | 19.6 | 140.3 | 88.7 | 229.0 | 13.9 | 61.3 |
| ATTENDING SCHOOL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | *3.1 | 100.8 | 103.9 | *1.1 | 18.8 | 20.0 | 123.8 | 241.5 | 365.3 | 16.1 | 33.9 |
| Females | *4.2 | 137.9 | 142.1 | *1.4 | 17.2 | 18.6 | 160.7 | 202.3 | 362.9 | 11.6 | 44.3 |
| Persons | 7.2 | 238.8 | 246.0 | *2.5 | 36.0 | 38.5 | 284.5 | 443.7 | 728.2 | 13.5 | 39.1 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 147.4 | 180.2 | 327.6 | 29.9 | 28.5 | 58.5 | 386.0 | 316.1 | 702.1 | 15.1 | 55.0 |
| Females | 92.7 | 256.2 | 348.9 | 19.8 | 25.6 | 45.3 | 394.2 | 278.8 | 673.0 | 11.5 | 58.6 |
| Persons | 240.1 | 436.4 | 676.4 | 49.7 | 54.1 | 103.8 | 780.2 | 594.9 | 1 375.1 | 13.3 | 56.7 |

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

| | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 and over | Unemp- loyment rate | Partic- ipation rate |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Full time | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 1 503.6 | 243.5 | 1 747.1 | 89.2 | 17.5 | 106.7 | 1 853.8 | 776.2 | 2 630.0 | 5.8 | 70.5 |
| Victoria | 1 130.7 | 204.9 | 1 335.6 | 60.0 | 14.3 | 74.3 | 1 409.9 | 557.7 | 1 967.6 | 5.3 | 71.7 |
| Queensland | 844.3 | 153.3 | 997.6 | 53.9 | 10.7 | 64.6 | 1 062.2 | 419.1 | 1 481.2 | 6.1 | 71.7 |
| South Australia | 341.1 | 57.1 | 398.2 | 18.6 | 4.9 | 23.5 | 421.7 | 182.1 | 603.8 | 5.6 | 69.8 |
| Western Australia | 468.8 | 86.3 | 555.1 | 27.4 | 3.7 | 31.1 | 586.2 | 196.2 | 782.5 | 5.3 | 74.9 |
| Tasmania | 95.5 | 17.2 | 112.7 | 7.2 | *0.7 | 7.8 | 120.5 | 63.1 | 183.7 | 6.5 | 65.6 |
| Northern Territory | 45.6 | 9.1 | 54.7 | 2.2 | *0.5 | 2.6 | 57.3 | 16.6 | 74.0 | 4.6 | 77.5 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 74.2 | 16.3 | 90.5 | 3.5 | *0.5 | 3.9 | 94.4 | 28.0 | 122.5 | 4.2 | 77.1 |
| Australia | 4 503.9 | 787.6 | 5 291.5 | 261.9 | 52.8 | 314.6 | 5 606.1 | 2 239.1 | 7 845.2 | 5.6 | 71.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 781.4 | 614.7 | 1 396.1 | 52.6 | 28.6 | 81.2 | 1 477.4 | 1 223.4 | 2 700.7 | 5.5 | 54.7 |
| Victoria | 570.0 | 487.0 | 1 057.0 | 36.7 | 24.0 | 60.7 | 1 117.6 | 919.2 | 2 036.8 | 5.4 | 54.9 |
| Queensland | 436.4 | 378.3 | 814.7 | 37.5 | 17.5 | 54.9 | 869.6 | 650.6 | 1 520.1 | 6.3 | 57.2 |
| South Australia | 168.5 | 151.6 | 320.1 | 12.9 | 6.1 | 19.0 | 339.1 | 289.0 | 628.1 | 5.6 | 54.0 |
| Western Australia | 212.6 | 204.2 | 416.7 | 17.1 | 9.2 | 26.3 | 443.0 | 340.8 | 783.9 | 5.9 | 56.5 |
| Tasmania | 45.7 | 45.9 | 91.7 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 98.0 | 96.9 | 194.9 | 6.5 | 50.3 |
| Northern Territory | 27.3 | 12.9 | 40.2 | 1.4 | *0.6 | 1.9 | 42.1 | 26.2 | 68.3 | 4.5 | 61.7 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 52.8 | 27.1 | 80.0 | 2.2 | *0.8 | 3.0 | 82.9 | 45.2 | 128.1 | 3.6 | 64.7 |
| Australia | 2 294.7 | 1 921.7 | 4 216.4 | 165.4 | 87.9 | 253.4 | 4 469.7 | 3 591.2 | 8 060.9 | 5.7 | 55.4 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 2 285.0 | 858.2 | 3 143.2 | 141.8 | 46.1 | 187.9 | 3 331.1 | 1 999.6 | 5 330.7 | 5.6 | 62.5 |
| Victoria | 1 700.7 | 691.9 | 2 392.5 | 96.7 | 38.3 | 135.0 | 2 527.5 | 1 477.0 | 4 004.5 | 5.3 | 63.1 |
| Queensland | 1 280.7 | 531.6 | 1 812.3 | 91.3 | 28.2 | 119.5 | 1 931.8 | 1 069.6 | 3 001.4 | 6.2 | 64.4 |
| South Australia | 509.6 | 208.7 | 718.3 | 31.5 | 11.0 | 42.5 | 760.8 | 471.0 | 1 231.9 | 5.6 | 61.8 |
| Western Australia | 681.4 | 290.5 | 971.9 | 44.5 | 12.9 | 57.4 | 1 029.3 | 537.0 | 1 566.3 | 5.6 | 65.7 |
| Tasmania | 141.3 | 63.1 | 204.4 | 12.3 | 1.9 | 14.2 | 218.6 | 160.0 | 378.6 | 6.5 | 57.7 |
| Northern Territory | 72.9 | 21.9 | 94.9 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 99.4 | 42.8 | 142.2 | 4.6 | 69.9 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 127.0 | 43.4 | 170.4 | 5.6 | 1.3 | 6.9 | 177.3 | 73.2 | 250.6 | 3.9 | 70.8 |
| Australia | 6 798.6 | 2 709.2 | 9 507.9 | 427.3 | 140.7 | 568.0 | 10 075.9 | 5 830.3 | 15 906.1 | 5.6 | 63.3 |

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UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland—Original

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| NEW SOUTH WALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 19.3 | 128.9 | 148.2 | 48.2 | 196.3 | 21.7 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 2.7 |
| June | 21.6 | 130.9 | 152.5 | 45.9 | 198.4 | 25.0 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 2.7 |
| July | 16.2 | 119.7 | 135.8 | 45.8 | 181.6 | 18.7 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 2.5 |
| August | 15.2 | 118.8 | 134.0 | 40.9 | 174.9 | 19.1 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 2.5 |
| September | 15.9 | 130.7 | 146.6 | 52.9 | 199.5 | 18.8 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 2.7 |
| October | 19.7 | 107.1 | 126.8 | 44.2 | 171.0 | 23.9 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 2.2 |
| November | 19.1 | 128.5 | 147.6 | 44.2 | 191.8 | 22.6 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 2.7 |
| December | 24.0 | 133.3 | 157.3 | 46.3 | 203.6 | 23.1 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 2.8 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 28.1 | 136.5 | 164.6 | 45.4 | 210.0 | 25.9 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 2.8 |
| February | 21.6 | 152.7 | 174.2 | 52.7 | 226.9 | 21.1 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 3.1 |
| March | 21.0 | 141.0 | 162.0 | 46.9 | 208.9 | 21.7 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 2.9 |
| April | 19.5 | 132.4 | 151.8 | 49.1 | 200.9 | 21.0 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 2.7 |
| May | 18.8 | 140.7 | 159.5 | 42.7 | 202.1 | 19.8 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.9 |
| June | 17.7 | 132.0 | 149.8 | 45.7 | 195.4 | 20.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 2.7 |
| July | 14.7 | 127.0 | 141.8 | 46.1 | 187.9 | 16.2 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| VICTORIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 12.3 | 88.6 | 100.9 | 41.3 | 142.2 | 22.0 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 3.7 | 2.5 |
| June | 11.1 | 106.9 | 118.0 | 32.1 | 150.1 | 19.3 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| July | 9.5 | 83.3 | 92.8 | 31.3 | 124.1 | 15.8 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 2.3 |
| August | 10.8 | 96.8 | 107.5 | 40.3 | 147.8 | 19.7 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| September | 9.8 | 96.3 | 106.1 | 45.4 | 151.5 | 17.9 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| October | 11.6 | 87.3 | 98.9 | 39.7 | 138.7 | 19.4 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 2.4 |
| November | 14.1 | 88.0 | 102.1 | 31.3 | 133.4 | 23.3 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 2.4 |
| December | 15.0 | 92.5 | 107.5 | 38.1 | 145.7 | 21.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 2.5 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 15.3 | 101.9 | 117.2 | 29.7 | 146.9 | 23.5 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| February | 10.9 | 95.9 | 106.8 | 39.1 | 145.9 | 18.1 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| March | 13.4 | 95.5 | 109.0 | 40.0 | 149.0 | 22.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 2.6 |
| April | 11.5 | 93.8 | 105.3 | 44.8 | 150.1 | 22.2 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| May | 10.0 | 97.4 | 107.4 | 42.1 | 149.5 | 19.9 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| June | 10.8 | 93.8 | 104.7 | 38.6 | 143.2 | 21.2 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| July | 8.0 | 88.7 | 96.7 | 38.3 | 135.0 | 15.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| QUEENSLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 14.7 | 89.5 | 104.2 | 38.2 | 142.4 | 22.6 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 3.4 |
| June | 15.0 | 88.8 | 103.8 | 35.5 | 139.3 | 23.4 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 5.6 | 3.4 |
| July | 13.3 | 80.3 | 93.6 | 30.2 | 123.9 | 19.8 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 3.0 |
| August | 13.4 | 79.4 | 92.8 | 36.7 | 129.5 | 21.3 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 3.0 |
| September | 13.6 | 78.4 | 91.9 | 39.7 | 131.7 | 22.7 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 2.9 |
| October | 13.7 | 77.2 | 90.9 | 36.5 | 127.4 | 21.5 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 2.9 |
| November | 11.8 | 76.6 | 88.4 | 34.9 | 123.3 | 20.9 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 2.9 |
| December | 17.6 | 77.3 | 94.9 | 41.9 | 136.9 | 23.4 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 2.9 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 20.5 | 85.5 | 106.0 | 33.8 | 139.7 | 26.2 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 3.2 |
| February | 22.0 | 87.8 | 109.8 | 40.8 | 150.7 | 30.8 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 3.3 |
| March | 20.6 | 94.9 | 115.5 | 41.0 | 156.5 | 29.9 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 3.5 |
| April | 13.8 | 90.7 | 104.5 | 33.9 | 138.4 | 21.6 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 3.3 |
| May | 14.1 | 85.5 | 99.6 | 30.5 | 130.1 | 21.3 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 3.1 |
| June | 13.1 | 91.4 | 104.5 | 25.5 | 130.1 | 20.7 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 3.4 |
| July | 10.8 | 80.5 | 91.3 | 28.2 | 119.5 | 16.4 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 2.9 |

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 6.7 | 32.9 | 39.6 | 10.9 | 50.5 | 32.2 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 3.0 |
| June | 5.8 | 32.5 | 38.3 | 11.1 | 49.4 | 28.3 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 2.9 |
| July | 4.3 | 31.4 | 35.7 | 8.7 | 44.5 | 20.8 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 2.8 |
| August | 4.5 | 33.0 | 37.6 | 11.3 | 48.9 | 21.8 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 3.0 |
| September | 5.4 | 32.1 | 37.5 | 10.6 | 48.1 | 24.0 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 2.9 |
| October | 4.4 | 29.8 | 34.1 | 11.0 | 45.1 | 19.9 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 2.7 |
| November | 4.3 | 29.5 | 33.8 | 9.8 | 43.7 | 19.3 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 2.6 |
| December | 5.1 | 25.9 | 30.9 | 10.9 | 41.9 | 20.4 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 2.3 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 7.2 | 31.3 | 38.5 | 10.8 | 49.3 | 25.9 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 2.8 |
| February | 6.1 | 32.2 | 38.3 | 13.0 | 51.3 | 24.2 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 2.9 |
| March | 5.6 | 30.2 | 35.8 | 10.9 | 46.6 | 24.6 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 2.7 |
| April | 5.9 | 28.3 | 34.3 | 12.4 | 46.7 | 26.0 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 2.5 |
| May | 6.9 | 28.8 | 35.6 | 12.2 | 47.9 | 30.6 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 2.6 |
| June | 5.4 | 29.5 | 34.9 | 11.7 | 46.6 | 23.8 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 2.6 |
| July | 5.2 | 26.3 | 31.5 | 11.0 | 42.5 | 21.1 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 2.3 |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 7.7 | 40.7 | 48.3 | 15.7 | 64.1 | 22.4 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 2.9 |
| June | 6.8 | 35.8 | 42.6 | 13.9 | 56.6 | 18.9 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 2.6 |
| July | 6.8 | 36.6 | 43.4 | 11.7 | 55.1 | 19.4 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 2.6 |
| August | 7.3 | 36.7 | 44.0 | 18.7 | 62.8 | 24.8 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 2.6 |
| September | 6.2 | 42.5 | 48.7 | 17.0 | 65.7 | 20.6 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 3.0 |
| October | 4.6 | 37.4 | 42.0 | 15.1 | 57.1 | 15.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| November | 7.1 | 36.0 | 43.1 | 13.6 | 56.8 | 22.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 2.6 |
| December | 6.3 | 39.2 | 45.5 | 17.6 | 63.2 | 17.9 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 10.6 | 43.6 | 54.2 | 16.3 | 70.5 | 26.1 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 3.1 |
| February | 8.3 | 42.1 | 50.4 | 16.3 | 66.7 | 22.2 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 3.0 |
| March | 8.4 | 32.3 | 40.7 | 19.4 | 60.1 | 23.7 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 2.3 |
| April | 7.6 | 38.3 | 45.8 | 16.6 | 62.4 | 22.4 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 2.7 |
| May | 7.3 | 34.5 | 41.8 | 16.9 | 58.7 | 22.2 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 2.4 |
| June | 7.7 | 35.6 | 43.2 | 13.0 | 56.2 | 22.4 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 2.5 |
| July | 7.5 | 37.0 | 44.5 | 12.9 | 57.4 | 19.5 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 2.6 |
| TASMANIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 1.8 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 3.4 | 17.4 | 20.1 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| June | 1.8 | 12.9 | 14.7 | 2.9 | 17.6 | 21.3 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 4.2 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 3.8 |
| July | 2.1 | 13.8 | 15.8 | 2.9 | 18.7 | 24.0 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 8.7 | 6.1 | 4.0 |
| August | 1.9 | 13.7 | 15.6 | 3.5 | 19.0 | 24.8 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 5.2 | 8.8 | 5.5 | 4.0 |
| September | 2.0 | 13.9 | 15.9 | 4.4 | 20.3 | 23.2 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 6.0 | 4.1 |
| October | 2.2 | 11.2 | 13.4 | 4.2 | 17.6 | 30.1 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 3.3 |
| November | 2.6 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 2.6 | 16.6 | 30.3 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 4.0 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 3.4 |
| December | 3.2 | 13.4 | 16.6 | 4.6 | 21.1 | 33.5 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 6.9 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 3.9 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 3.0 | 13.2 | 16.2 | 4.2 | 20.4 | 31.1 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 6.6 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 3.9 |
| February | 3.9 | 14.3 | 18.3 | 3.7 | 21.9 | 39.4 | 9.6 | 11.4 | 6.0 | 9.9 | 11.6 | 4.2 |
| March | 2.5 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 3.2 | 20.1 | 28.8 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 4.9 | 9.0 | 7.4 | 4.2 |
| April | 2.1 | 11.1 | 13.2 | 3.4 | 16.6 | 22.5 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 3.3 |
| May | 2.4 | 10.4 | 12.8 | 3.8 | 16.7 | 29.6 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 3.0 |
| June | 2.3 | 12.3 | 14.6 | 2.7 | 17.3 | 27.0 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 4.1 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 3.6 |
| July | 2.2 | 10.1 | 12.3 | 1.9 | 14.2 | 25.9 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 2.9 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 2.9 |

| Month | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| NORTHERN TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | *0.6 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 4.7 | *24.4 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | *4.3 | 2.2 |
| June | *0.9 | 3.1 | 4.0 | *0.9 | 4.8 | *29.3 | 4.1 | 5.0 | *3.2 | 4.6 | *5.9 | 2.4 |
| July | *0.4 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 4.1 | *12.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 3.9 | *2.6 | 1.9 |
| August | *0.9 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 4.7 | *27.5 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.5 | *6.4 | 1.9 |
| September | *0.6 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 4.2 | *26.1 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 4.0 | *4.2 | 1.8 |
| October | *0.9 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 1.4 | 5.8 | *36.4 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.6 | *6.5 | 2.7 |
| November | *0.8 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 4.1 | *29.1 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 3.8 | *5.6 | 1.5 |
| December | 1.2 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 30.3 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 7.9 | 2.5 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | *0.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 7.1 | *16.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 9.7 | 7.0 | *3.3 | 3.4 |
| February | *0.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 6.7 | *15.6 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.4 | *3.1 | 3.4 |
| March | *0.5 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 6.6 | *18.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 10.2 | 6.4 | *3.5 | 2.5 |
| April | *0.6 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 1.8 | 7.5 | *15.7 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | *4.1 | 4.0 |
| May | *0.6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 7.5 | *14.7 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 10.7 | 7.4 | *4.2 | 3.4 |
| June | *0.8 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 6.8 | *18.1 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 8.5 | 6.7 | *5.3 | 3.0 |
| July | *0.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 4.6 | *5.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | *1.5 | 2.6 |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | *0.3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 8.8 | *7.6 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 4.9 | *1.1 | 2.5 |
| June | *0.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 8.2 | *18.2 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 4.6 | *2.9 | 1.9 |
| July | *0.4 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 5.7 | *11.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.2 | *1.8 | 1.6 |
| August | *0.7 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 8.4 | *23.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.6 | *3.1 | 2.5 |
| September | *0.7 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 2.4 | 7.4 | *20.8 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 4.0 | *3.0 | 1.9 |
| October | *0.5 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 1.7 | 7.2 | *15.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | *2.3 | 2.2 |
| November | *0.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 6.9 | *16.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 3.8 | *2.0 | 2.0 |
| December | *0.4 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 5.3 | *11.7 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 2.9 | *1.9 | 1.4 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 8.8 | 28.5 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 2.3 |
| February | 1.1 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 9.5 | 22.1 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 7.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 2.2 |
| March | *0.9 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 2.9 | 9.1 | *23.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 5.1 | *3.8 | 2.4 |
| April | *0.8 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 7.0 | *19.8 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 5.3 | 3.9 | *3.3 | 1.6 |
| May | *0.9 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 8.4 | *20.7 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 4.7 | *3.9 | 1.8 |
| June | *0.9 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 6.7 | *22.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.8 | *3.8 | 1.8 |
| July | *1.0 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 1.3 | 6.9 | *21.3 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 3.9 | *4.4 | 2.0 |

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total emp-loyed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | Employed full time | Total emp-loyed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 1 504.6 | 1 735.6 | 118.8 | 6.4 | 71.5 | 1 493.8 | 1 735.4 | 118.5 | 6.4 | 71.5 | 2 593.9 |
| June | 1 486.1 | 1 739.9 | 118.2 | 6.4 | 71.5 | 1 493.7 | 1 738.0 | 116.3 | 6.3 | 71.4 | 2 597.1 |
| July | 1 493.1 | 1 738.2 | 114.2 | 6.2 | 71.2 | 1 494.5 | 1 740.6 | 112.9 | 6.1 | 71.3 | 2 600.0 |
| August | 1 497.8 | 1 747.2 | 106.1 | 5.7 | 71.2 | 1 495.9 | 1 743.1 | 109.8 | 5.9 | 71.2 | 2 602.9 |
| September | 1 501.3 | 1 740.4 | 110.3 | 6.0 | 71.0 | 1 497.8 | 1 746.0 | 107.8 | 5.8 | 71.1 | 2 605.7 |
| October | 1 497.4 | 1 754.3 | 101.0 | 5.4 | 71.1 | 1 500.8 | 1 750.0 | 106.9 | 5.8 | 71.2 | 2 608.1 |
| November | 1 502.7 | 1 754.6 | 107.1 | 5.8 | 71.3 | 1 504.7 | 1 755.1 | 107.0 | 5.7 | 71.3 | 2 610.5 |
| December | 1 505.6 | 1 748.3 | 111.8 | 6.0 | 71.2 | 1 508.3 | 1 760.2 | 108.0 | 5.8 | 71.5 | 2 612.9 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 512.7 | 1 769.2 | 111.9 | 6.0 | 71.9 | 1 510.6 | 1 764.1 | 109.8 | 5.9 | 71.6 | 2 615.5 |
| February | 1 517.3 | 1 774.6 | 110.7 | 5.9 | 72.0 | 1 511.1 | 1 765.2 | 111.7 | 6.0 | 71.7 | 2 618.1 |
| March | 1 515.9 | 1 771.9 | 105.7 | 5.6 | 71.6 | 1 509.3 | 1 763.1 | 113.6 | 6.1 | 71.6 | 2 620.6 |
| April | 1 496.0 | 1 748.1 | 120.9 | 6.5 | 71.3 | 1 505.9 | 1 758.6 | 115.1 | 6.1 | 71.4 | 2 622.7 |
| May | 1 501.5 | 1 749.7 | 119.8 | 6.4 | 71.2 | 1 501.9 | 1 753.0 | 116.5 | 6.2 | 71.2 | 2 624.8 |
| June | 1 502.6 | 1 755.5 | 117.4 | 6.3 | 71.3 | 1 498.1 | 1 747.2 | 117.5 | 6.3 | 71.0 | 2 626.8 |
| July | 1 489.4 | 1 731.6 | 115.4 | 6.2 | 70.2 | 1 494.4 | 1 741.0 | 118.3 | 6.4 | 70.7 | 2 630.0 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 776.6 | 1 349.7 | 80.0 | 5.6 | 53.7 | 770.9 | 1 353.9 | 81.0 | 5.6 | 53.9 | 2 663.9 |
| June | 768.0 | 1 355.9 | 85.6 | 5.9 | 54.1 | 771.3 | 1 353.3 | 82.2 | 5.7 | 53.8 | 2 666.8 |
| July | 769.5 | 1 361.1 | 91.8 | 6.3 | 54.4 | 772.5 | 1 354.1 | 83.5 | 5.8 | 53.9 | 2 669.6 |
| August | 791.4 | 1 362.5 | 75.7 | 5.3 | 53.8 | 773.7 | 1 356.9 | 84.4 | 5.9 | 53.9 | 2 672.5 |
| September | 775.8 | 1 355.9 | 86.2 | 6.0 | 53.9 | 774.8 | 1 361.9 | 84.7 | 5.9 | 54.1 | 2 675.4 |
| October | 755.8 | 1 351.1 | 82.2 | 5.7 | 53.5 | 776.9 | 1 369.4 | 85.4 | 5.9 | 54.3 | 2 677.8 |
| November | 782.6 | 1 386.9 | 91.0 | 6.2 | 55.1 | 779.8 | 1 378.8 | 86.4 | 5.9 | 54.7 | 2 680.2 |
| December | 786.7 | 1 388.1 | 84.5 | 5.7 | 54.9 | 783.3 | 1 388.8 | 87.6 | 5.9 | 55.0 | 2 682.6 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 785.0 | 1 410.8 | 89.6 | 6.0 | 55.9 | 786.1 | 1 397.6 | 88.1 | 5.9 | 55.3 | 2 685.4 |
| February | 801.6 | 1 404.5 | 89.2 | 6.0 | 55.6 | 787.1 | 1 402.7 | 87.6 | 5.9 | 55.4 | 2 688.1 |
| March | 784.5 | 1 395.4 | 90.3 | 6.1 | 55.2 | 785.7 | 1 403.4 | 86.8 | 5.8 | 55.4 | 2 690.8 |
| April | 768.1 | 1 402.9 | 81.7 | 5.5 | 55.1 | 782.2 | 1 401.4 | 86.4 | 5.8 | 55.2 | 2 692.9 |
| May | 784.9 | 1 404.3 | 84.7 | 5.7 | 55.3 | 778.8 | 1 398.7 | 86.8 | 5.8 | 55.1 | 2 695.1 |
| June | 778.5 | 1 396.4 | 83.0 | 5.6 | 54.8 | 775.9 | 1 395.8 | 87.7 | 5.9 | 55.0 | 2 697.3 |
| July | 770.2 | 1 384.0 | 98.3 | 6.6 | 54.9 | 773.4 | 1 392.1 | 88.8 | 6.0 | 54.9 | 2 700.7 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2 281.2 | 3 085.3 | 198.8 | 6.1 | 62.5 | 2 264.7 | 3 089.3 | 199.6 | 6.1 | 62.6 | 5 257.8 |
| June | 2 254.1 | 3 095.8 | 203.8 | 6.2 | 62.7 | 2 265.0 | 3 091.2 | 198.5 | 6.0 | 62.5 | 5 263.9 |
| July | 2 262.6 | 3 099.3 | 206.0 | 6.2 | 62.7 | 2 267.0 | 3 094.6 | 196.5 | 6.0 | 62.5 | 5 269.6 |
| August | 2 289.2 | 3 109.7 | 181.8 | 5.5 | 62.4 | 2 269.6 | 3 100.0 | 194.2 | 5.9 | 62.4 | 5 275.4 |
| September | 2 277.1 | 3 096.3 | 196.5 | 6.0 | 62.3 | 2 272.7 | 3 107.9 | 192.5 | 5.8 | 62.5 | 5 281.1 |
| October | 2 253.1 | 3 105.3 | 183.2 | 5.6 | 62.2 | 2 277.7 | 3 119.4 | 192.2 | 5.8 | 62.6 | 5 285.9 |
| November | 2 285.3 | 3 141.5 | 198.1 | 5.9 | 63.1 | 2 284.5 | 3 133.9 | 193.4 | 5.8 | 62.9 | 5 290.7 |
| December | 2 292.3 | 3 136.4 | 196.3 | 5.9 | 62.9 | 2 291.6 | 3 149.0 | 195.7 | 5.9 | 63.2 | 5 295.6 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 297.7 | 3 180.0 | 201.5 | 6.0 | 63.8 | 2 296.7 | 3 161.7 | 197.9 | 5.9 | 63.4 | 5 300.8 |
| February | 2 318.9 | 3 179.1 | 199.9 | 5.9 | 63.7 | 2 298.2 | 3 168.0 | 199.3 | 5.9 | 63.5 | 5 306.1 |
| March | 2 300.3 | 3 167.3 | 196.0 | 5.8 | 63.3 | 2 295.0 | 3 166.6 | 200.4 | 6.0 | 63.4 | 5 311.4 |
| April | 2 264.2 | 3 151.0 | 202.5 | 6.0 | 63.1 | 2 288.1 | 3 160.0 | 201.6 | 6.0 | 63.2 | 5 315.6 |
| May | 2 286.4 | 3 154.0 | 204.5 | 6.1 | 63.1 | 2 280.7 | 3 151.6 | 203.3 | 6.1 | 63.1 | 5 319.9 |
| June | 2 281.1 | 3 151.9 | 200.4 | 6.0 | 63.0 | 2 274.0 | 3 143.0 | 205.3 | 6.1 | 62.9 | 5 324.1 |
| July | 2 259.6 | 3 115.7 | 213.7 | 6.4 | 62.5 | 2 267.8 | 3 133.1 | 207.1 | 6.2 | 62.7 | 5 330.7 |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2003 to June 2003 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Victoria(a)

| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 1 132.6 | 1 317.5 | 83.2 | 5.9 | 72.6 | 1 128.5 | 1 315.0 | 83.5 | 6.0 | 72.5 | 1 929.1 |
| June | 1 129.4 | 1 318.0 | 86.6 | 6.2 | 72.7 | 1 126.6 | 1 314.1 | 83.0 | 5.9 | 72.3 | 1 931.9 |
| July | 1 122.5 | 1 310.5 | 78.8 | 5.7 | 71.8 | 1 123.2 | 1 312.1 | 83.1 | 6.0 | 72.1 | 1 934.5 |
| August | 1 120.7 | 1 313.7 | 86.0 | 6.1 | 72.3 | 1 119.6 | 1 310.5 | 83.4 | 6.0 | 72.0 | 1 937.0 |
| September | 1 120.4 | 1 310.7 | 82.4 | 5.9 | 71.8 | 1 117.4 | 1 310.0 | 83.6 | 6.0 | 71.8 | 1 939.6 |
| October | 1 103.2 | 1 295.7 | 85.4 | 6.2 | 71.1 | 1 117.9 | 1 311.6 | 83.3 | 6.0 | 71.8 | 1 942.6 |
| November | 1 120.0 | 1 315.0 | 80.5 | 5.8 | 71.7 | 1 121.0 | 1 314.9 | 82.6 | 5.9 | 71.8 | 1 945.6 |
| December | 1 130.4 | 1 332.6 | 82.9 | 5.9 | 72.6 | 1 125.2 | 1 318.9 | 81.6 | 5.8 | 71.9 | 1 948.7 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 135.9 | 1 324.8 | 82.6 | 5.9 | 72.1 | 1 128.6 | 1 322.1 | 80.5 | 5.7 | 71.9 | 1 951.6 |
| February | 1 128.4 | 1 315.1 | 79.3 | 5.7 | 71.3 | 1 130.3 | 1 323.6 | 79.8 | 5.7 | 71.8 | 1 954.5 |
| March | 1 135.5 | 1 329.6 | 73.5 | 5.2 | 71.7 | 1 130.2 | 1 323.9 | 79.7 | 5.7 | 71.7 | 1 957.4 |
| April | 1 124.0 | 1 322.3 | 82.4 | 5.9 | 71.7 | 1 129.2 | 1 323.7 | 80.0 | 5.7 | 71.6 | 1 959.8 |
| May | 1 122.3 | 1 321.4 | 82.9 | 5.9 | 71.6 | 1 128.7 | 1 324.3 | 80.6 | 5.7 | 71.6 | 1 962.2 |
| June | 1 131.2 | 1 321.6 | 81.0 | 5.8 | 71.4 | 1 128.9 | 1 325.4 | 81.1 | 5.8 | 71.6 | 1 964.6 |
| July | 1 135.0 | 1 334.7 | 81.6 | 5.8 | 72.0 | 1 129.6 | 1 327.3 | 81.7 | 5.8 | 71.7 | 1 967.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 555.8 | 1 039.6 | 60.8 | 5.5 | 55.1 | 558.2 | 1 034.8 | 62.4 | 5.7 | 54.9 | 1 998.7 |
| June | 558.8 | 1 028.7 | 70.1 | 6.4 | 54.9 | 561.6 | 1 037.6 | 62.0 | 5.6 | 54.9 | 2 001.3 |
| July | 559.0 | 1 036.2 | 54.8 | 5.0 | 54.4 | 566.2 | 1 041.3 | 62.0 | 5.6 | 55.1 | 2 003.9 |
| August | 580.2 | 1 056.4 | 64.8 | 5.8 | 55.9 | 571.5 | 1 046.5 | 62.2 | 5.6 | 55.3 | 2 006.6 |
| September | 579.7 | 1 052.4 | 62.1 | 5.6 | 55.5 | 577.1 | 1 053.8 | 62.1 | 5.6 | 55.5 | 2 009.3 |
| October | 577.8 | 1 059.9 | 60.2 | 5.4 | 55.7 | 582.1 | 1 063.0 | 61.5 | 5.5 | 55.9 | 2 012.0 |
| November | 583.8 | 1 067.3 | 63.2 | 5.6 | 56.1 | 585.3 | 1 072.5 | 60.7 | 5.4 | 56.2 | 2 014.8 |
| December | 588.9 | 1 075.8 | 62.3 | 5.5 | 56.4 | 586.6 | 1 080.4 | 60.2 | 5.3 | 56.5 | 2 017.5 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 587.5 | 1 097.9 | 59.6 | 5.1 | 57.3 | 586.0 | 1 085.4 | 60.3 | 5.3 | 56.7 | 2 020.2 |
| February | 590.8 | 1 098.9 | 52.5 | 4.6 | 56.9 | 583.5 | 1 086.3 | 61.2 | 5.3 | 56.7 | 2 022.9 |
| March | 565.2 | 1 072.5 | 65.9 | 5.8 | 56.2 | 579.3 | 1 082.9 | 62.9 | 5.5 | 56.6 | 2 025.6 |
| April | 584.0 | 1 074.8 | 67.5 | 5.9 | 56.3 | 574.0 | 1 076.5 | 64.8 | 5.7 | 56.3 | 2 028.2 |
| May | 571.0 | 1 073.2 | 68.5 | 6.0 | 56.2 | 568.7 | 1 069.4 | 66.3 | 5.8 | 55.9 | 2 030.9 |
| June | 555.7 | 1 062.1 | 68.5 | 6.1 | 55.6 | 563.9 | 1 062.5 | 67.3 | 6.0 | 55.6 | 2 033.6 |
| July | 559.9 | 1 049.3 | 63.5 | 5.7 | 54.6 | 559.8 | 1 055.7 | 68.0 | 6.1 | 55.2 | 2 036.8 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 1 688.5 | 2 357.2 | 144.0 | 5.8 | 63.7 | 1 686.7 | 2 349.8 | 145.9 | 5.8 | 63.5 | 3 927.8 |
| June | 1 688.2 | 2 346.7 | 156.6 | 6.3 | 63.6 | 1 688.2 | 2 351.7 | 145.0 | 5.8 | 63.5 | 3 933.2 |
| July | 1 681.5 | 2 346.6 | 133.6 | 5.4 | 63.0 | 1 689.4 | 2 353.4 | 145.1 | 5.8 | 63.4 | 3 938.4 |
| August | 1 700.9 | 2 370.1 | 150.8 | 6.0 | 63.9 | 1 691.1 | 2 357.0 | 145.6 | 5.8 | 63.5 | 3 943.6 |
| September | 1 700.0 | 2 363.0 | 144.5 | 5.8 | 63.5 | 1 694.5 | 2 363.9 | 145.7 | 5.8 | 63.5 | 3 948.8 |
| October | 1 681.0 | 2 355.6 | 145.6 | 5.8 | 63.2 | 1 700.0 | 2 374.7 | 144.8 | 5.7 | 63.7 | 3 954.6 |
| November | 1 703.9 | 2 382.3 | 143.7 | 5.7 | 63.8 | 1 706.2 | 2 387.4 | 143.3 | 5.7 | 63.9 | 3 960.4 |
| December | 1 719.4 | 2 408.4 | 145.2 | 5.7 | 64.4 | 1 711.8 | 2 399.3 | 141.7 | 5.6 | 64.1 | 3 966.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 723.4 | 2 422.7 | 142.2 | 5.5 | 64.6 | 1 714.6 | 2 407.5 | 140.8 | 5.5 | 64.2 | 3 971.8 |
| February | 1 719.2 | 2 414.0 | 131.8 | 5.2 | 64.0 | 1 713.8 | 2 410.0 | 141.0 | 5.5 | 64.1 | 3 977.4 |
| March | 1 700.7 | 2 402.1 | 139.4 | 5.5 | 63.8 | 1 709.5 | 2 406.8 | 142.6 | 5.6 | 64.0 | 3 983.0 |
| April | 1 708.0 | 2 397.1 | 149.9 | 5.9 | 63.9 | 1 703.2 | 2 400.2 | 144.8 | 5.7 | 63.8 | 3 988.1 |
| May | 1 693.3 | 2 394.6 | 151.4 | 5.9 | 63.8 | 1 697.5 | 2 393.6 | 146.9 | 5.8 | 63.6 | 3 993.1 |
| June | 1 686.9 | 2 383.7 | 149.5 | 5.9 | 63.4 | 1 692.8 | 2 387.9 | 148.5 | 5.9 | 63.4 | 3 998.2 |
| July | 1 694.9 | 2 384.0 | 145.1 | 5.7 | 63.2 | 1 689.3 | 2 383.0 | 149.8 | 5.9 | 63.3 | 4 004.5 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Queensland(a)

| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 828.2 | 974.4 | 75.4 | 7.2 | 73.1 | 827.0 | 975.1 | 75.4 | 7.2 | 73.2 | 1 435.8 |
| June | 826.4 | 979.3 | 72.6 | 6.9 | 73.1 | 827.5 | 977.3 | 72.7 | 6.9 | 73.0 | 1 438.3 |
| July | 826.7 | 980.1 | 68.3 | 6.5 | 72.8 | 827.6 | 978.8 | 70.8 | 6.7 | 72.8 | 1 441.1 |
| August | 831.0 | 980.9 | 70.8 | 6.7 | 72.8 | 827.6 | 980.4 | 69.8 | 6.6 | 72.7 | 1 443.9 |
| September | 826.8 | 980.4 | 69.0 | 6.6 | 72.5 | 828.5 | 982.8 | 69.4 | 6.6 | 72.7 | 1 446.7 |
| October | 829.9 | 981.9 | 70.7 | 6.7 | 72.6 | 830.7 | 985.9 | 69.4 | 6.6 | 72.8 | 1 449.2 |
| November | 832.0 | 990.7 | 69.0 | 6.5 | 73.0 | 834.0 | 989.3 | 69.9 | 6.6 | 73.0 | 1 451.7 |
| December | 829.9 | 991.2 | 71.7 | 6.7 | 73.1 | 838.2 | 992.6 | 70.6 | 6.6 | 73.1 | 1 454.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 853.0 | 1 002.4 | 69.9 | 6.5 | 73.5 | 842.4 | 995.0 | 71.2 | 6.7 | 73.1 | 1 458.2 |
| February | 848.9 | 996.1 | 67.9 | 6.4 | 72.8 | 845.1 | 995.9 | 71.4 | 6.7 | 73.0 | 1 462.3 |
| March | 841.2 | 991.8 | 79.2 | 7.4 | 73.0 | 845.8 | 995.3 | 71.3 | 6.7 | 72.7 | 1 466.3 |
| April | 845.4 | 991.8 | 70.9 | 6.7 | 72.3 | 844.8 | 994.0 | 70.8 | 6.6 | 72.4 | 1 470.2 |
| May | 851.8 | 999.3 | 64.7 | 6.1 | 72.2 | 842.9 | 992.8 | 70.1 | 6.6 | 72.1 | 1 474.0 |
| June | 828.3 | 986.5 | 70.1 | 6.6 | 71.5 | 841.0 | 991.7 | 69.4 | 6.5 | 71.8 | 1 477.9 |
| July | 841.8 | 991.5 | 69.7 | 6.6 | 71.6 | 838.4 | 990.4 | 69.0 | 6.5 | 71.6 | 1 481.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 423.0 | 770.3 | 64.1 | 7.7 | 56.8 | 421.9 | 768.9 | 65.4 | 7.8 | 56.8 | 1 469.0 |
| June | 419.7 | 770.8 | 69.0 | 8.2 | 57.0 | 421.5 | 769.8 | 66.4 | 7.9 | 56.8 | 1 472.0 |
| July | 418.9 | 761.3 | 68.2 | 8.2 | 56.2 | 421.3 | 772.3 | 66.9 | 8.0 | 56.9 | 1 475.1 |
| August | 422.5 | 781.5 | 66.9 | 7.9 | 57.4 | 421.8 | 775.9 | 66.7 | 7.9 | 57.0 | 1 478.2 |
| September | 425.0 | 785.4 | 65.3 | 7.7 | 57.4 | 423.3 | 780.8 | 65.7 | 7.8 | 57.2 | 1 481.3 |
| October | 426.6 | 788.5 | 64.2 | 7.5 | 57.4 | 425.5 | 786.5 | 64.5 | 7.6 | 57.3 | 1 484.3 |
| November | 423.8 | 786.2 | 63.3 | 7.5 | 57.1 | 427.6 | 792.0 | 63.8 | 7.5 | 57.5 | 1 487.3 |
| December | 425.3 | 791.1 | 62.8 | 7.4 | 57.3 | 429.0 | 797.0 | 63.8 | 7.4 | 57.7 | 1 490.3 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 440.5 | 808.1 | 62.4 | 7.2 | 58.2 | 429.7 | 801.3 | 64.3 | 7.4 | 57.9 | 1 494.9 |
| February | 429.6 | 811.6 | 66.1 | 7.5 | 58.5 | 429.9 | 804.7 | 64.7 | 7.4 | 58.0 | 1 499.4 |
| March | 426.9 | 806.1 | 68.7 | 7.8 | 58.2 | 429.9 | 807.4 | 64.7 | 7.4 | 58.0 | 1 504.0 |
| April | 423.0 | 798.9 | 63.1 | 7.3 | 57.2 | 429.9 | 809.2 | 64.3 | 7.4 | 57.9 | 1 508.1 |
| May | 436.2 | 817.4 | 62.6 | 7.1 | 58.2 | 430.3 | 810.5 | 63.6 | 7.3 | 57.8 | 1 512.3 |
| June | 430.4 | 812.7 | 62.1 | 7.1 | 57.7 | 431.0 | 811.5 | 62.9 | 7.2 | 57.7 | 1 516.4 |
| July | 433.4 | 810.7 | 62.2 | 7.1 | 57.4 | 431.3 | 811.8 | 62.2 | 7.1 | 57.5 | 1 520.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 1 251.2 | 1 744.7 | 139.5 | 7.4 | 64.9 | 1 248.9 | 1 744.0 | 140.8 | 7.5 | 64.9 | 2 904.8 |
| June | 1 246.1 | 1 750.1 | 141.6 | 7.5 | 65.0 | 1 249.1 | 1 747.1 | 139.0 | 7.4 | 64.8 | 2 910.2 |
| July | 1 245.7 | 1 741.4 | 136.5 | 7.3 | 64.4 | 1 248.9 | 1 751.1 | 137.7 | 7.3 | 64.8 | 2 916.2 |
| August | 1 253.5 | 1 762.4 | 137.7 | 7.2 | 65.0 | 1 249.4 | 1 756.4 | 136.5 | 7.2 | 64.8 | 2 922.1 |
| September | 1 251.8 | 1 765.8 | 134.3 | 7.1 | 64.9 | 1 251.8 | 1 763.6 | 135.0 | 7.1 | 64.9 | 2 928.0 |
| October | 1 256.5 | 1 770.4 | 134.9 | 7.1 | 64.9 | 1 256.2 | 1 772.4 | 133.9 | 7.0 | 65.0 | 2 933.5 |
| November | 1 255.8 | 1 776.9 | 132.3 | 6.9 | 65.0 | 1 261.5 | 1 781.3 | 133.7 | 7.0 | 65.2 | 2 939.0 |
| December | 1 255.2 | 1 782.4 | 134.5 | 7.0 | 65.1 | 1 267.2 | 1 789.6 | 134.5 | 7.0 | 65.3 | 2 944.5 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 293.5 | 1 810.6 | 132.3 | 6.8 | 65.8 | 1 272.1 | 1 796.3 | 135.5 | 7.0 | 65.4 | 2 953.1 |
| February | 1 278.4 | 1 807.7 | 134.0 | 6.9 | 65.6 | 1 275.0 | 1 800.6 | 136.1 | 7.0 | 65.4 | 2 961.7 |
| March | 1 268.1 | 1 797.9 | 147.9 | 7.6 | 65.5 | 1 275.7 | 1 802.7 | 136.0 | 7.0 | 65.3 | 2 970.3 |
| April | 1 268.4 | 1 790.8 | 134.0 | 7.0 | 64.6 | 1 274.7 | 1 803.2 | 135.1 | 7.0 | 65.1 | 2 978.3 |
| May | 1 288.0 | 1 816.7 | 127.3 | 6.5 | 65.1 | 1 273.3 | 1 803.2 | 133.7 | 6.9 | 64.9 | 2 986.3 |
| June | 1 258.6 | 1 799.2 | 132.2 | 6.8 | 64.5 | 1 272.0 | 1 803.2 | 132.3 | 6.8 | 64.7 | 2 994.3 |
| July | 1 275.2 | 1 802.2 | 131.8 | 6.8 | 64.4 | 1 269.7 | 1 802.1 | 131.1 | 6.8 | 64.5 | 3 001.4 |

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| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 322.5 | 382.8 | 29.7 | 7.2 | 69.1 | 321.8 | 382.3 | 30.3 | 7.4 | 69.1 | 597.0 |
| June | 320.5 | 380.9 | 32.0 | 7.8 | 69.1 | 322.6 | 382.4 | 30.0 | 7.3 | 69.0 | 597.4 |
| July | 323.7 | 382.3 | 28.6 | 7.0 | 68.7 | 323.3 | 382.8 | 29.3 | 7.1 | 68.9 | 597.9 |
| August | 325.3 | 380.6 | 29.1 | 7.1 | 68.5 | 324.1 | 383.7 | 28.4 | 6.9 | 68.9 | 598.4 |
| September | 326.7 | 390.1 | 26.9 | 6.5 | 69.6 | 325.3 | 384.9 | 27.4 | 6.6 | 68.8 | 598.9 |
| October | 324.3 | 385.0 | 26.5 | 6.4 | 68.7 | 327.1 | 386.1 | 26.6 | 6.5 | 68.9 | 599.3 |
| November | 327.3 | 385.7 | 26.6 | 6.5 | 68.7 | 329.2 | 387.0 | 26.3 | 6.4 | 68.9 | 599.8 |
| December | 332.6 | 388.8 | 24.0 | 5.8 | 68.8 | 331.2 | 387.8 | 26.5 | 6.4 | 69.0 | 600.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 335.0 | 389.1 | 28.3 | 6.8 | 69.5 | 333.0 | 388.5 | 27.1 | 6.5 | 69.2 | 600.9 |
| February | 337.4 | 388.5 | 29.0 | 7.0 | 69.4 | 334.6 | 389.5 | 27.7 | 6.6 | 69.4 | 601.6 |
| March | 332.1 | 390.4 | 27.5 | 6.6 | 69.4 | 336.0 | 390.9 | 28.2 | 6.7 | 69.6 | 602.3 |
| April | 335.9 | 391.8 | 29.0 | 6.9 | 69.8 | 337.1 | 392.5 | 28.4 | 6.7 | 69.8 | 602.7 |
| May | 338.3 | 395.2 | 27.7 | 6.6 | 70.1 | 338.3 | 394.2 | 28.3 | 6.7 | 70.1 | 603.0 |
| June | 343.3 | 396.1 | 29.3 | 6.9 | 70.5 | 339.5 | 395.9 | 28.0 | 6.6 | 70.2 | 603.4 |
| July | 339.4 | 398.4 | 26.0 | 6.1 | 70.3 | 340.5 | 397.3 | 27.6 | 6.5 | 70.4 | 603.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 152.7 | 311.4 | 19.1 | 5.8 | 53.1 | 150.5 | 309.7 | 19.5 | 5.9 | 52.9 | 622.1 |
| June | 150.1 | 312.6 | 19.6 | 5.9 | 53.4 | 150.7 | 309.9 | 19.6 | 5.9 | 52.9 | 622.5 |
| July | 150.0 | 306.0 | 19.7 | 6.1 | 52.3 | 150.8 | 309.6 | 19.9 | 6.0 | 52.9 | 623.0 |
| August | 151.1 | 308.7 | 20.1 | 6.1 | 52.7 | 151.1 | 309.2 | 20.1 | 6.1 | 52.8 | 623.5 |
| September | 152.0 | 309.6 | 20.9 | 6.3 | 53.0 | 152.0 | 309.2 | 20.0 | 6.1 | 52.8 | 624.0 |
| October | 154.6 | 311.1 | 20.0 | 6.0 | 53.0 | 153.6 | 310.1 | 19.6 | 5.9 | 52.8 | 624.4 |
| November | 154.1 | 311.1 | 19.0 | 5.7 | 52.8 | 156.2 | 312.0 | 19.1 | 5.8 | 53.0 | 624.8 |
| December | 157.8 | 311.9 | 17.9 | 5.4 | 52.8 | 159.4 | 314.5 | 18.5 | 5.6 | 53.3 | 625.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 163.0 | 318.7 | 17.6 | 5.2 | 53.7 | 162.4 | 317.4 | 18.2 | 5.4 | 53.6 | 625.8 |
| February | 167.3 | 320.1 | 18.3 | 5.4 | 54.0 | 164.8 | 320.0 | 18.0 | 5.3 | 54.0 | 626.3 |
| March | 168.1 | 325.0 | 18.4 | 5.4 | 54.8 | 166.3 | 322.1 | 18.2 | 5.4 | 54.3 | 626.9 |
| April | 167.6 | 321.6 | 18.4 | 5.4 | 54.2 | 166.9 | 323.3 | 18.6 | 5.4 | 54.5 | 627.1 |
| May | 165.3 | 326.0 | 18.5 | 5.4 | 54.9 | 167.0 | 323.8 | 18.9 | 5.5 | 54.6 | 627.4 |
| June | 164.2 | 323.6 | 19.4 | 5.6 | 54.6 | 167.0 | 323.9 | 19.3 | 5.6 | 54.7 | 627.6 |
| July | 168.9 | 320.7 | 20.2 | 5.9 | 54.3 | 166.8 | 323.4 | 19.6 | 5.7 | 54.6 | 628.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 475.2 | 694.2 | 48.9 | 6.6 | 61.0 | 472.3 | 692.0 | 49.8 | 6.7 | 60.8 | 1 219.1 |
| June | 470.6 | 693.4 | 51.6 | 6.9 | 61.1 | 473.2 | 692.3 | 49.6 | 6.7 | 60.8 | 1 219.9 |
| July | 473.6 | 688.3 | 48.3 | 6.6 | 60.3 | 474.1 | 692.4 | 49.2 | 6.6 | 60.7 | 1 220.9 |
| August | 476.4 | 689.3 | 49.1 | 6.7 | 60.4 | 475.2 | 692.9 | 48.5 | 6.5 | 60.7 | 1 221.9 |
| September | 478.7 | 699.7 | 47.8 | 6.4 | 61.1 | 477.3 | 694.1 | 47.4 | 6.4 | 60.6 | 1 222.9 |
| October | 478.9 | 696.1 | 46.5 | 6.3 | 60.7 | 480.8 | 696.2 | 46.2 | 6.2 | 60.7 | 1 223.7 |
| November | 481.3 | 696.8 | 45.6 | 6.1 | 60.6 | 485.4 | 699.0 | 45.4 | 6.1 | 60.8 | 1 224.6 |
| December | 490.4 | 700.7 | 41.9 | 5.6 | 60.6 | 490.5 | 702.3 | 45.1 | 6.0 | 61.0 | 1 225.4 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 498.0 | 707.8 | 45.9 | 6.1 | 61.4 | 495.4 | 705.9 | 45.3 | 6.0 | 61.2 | 1 226.7 |
| February | 504.7 | 708.6 | 47.4 | 6.3 | 61.6 | 499.4 | 709.5 | 45.8 | 6.1 | 61.5 | 1 227.9 |
| March | 500.2 | 715.4 | 46.0 | 6.0 | 61.9 | 502.2 | 713.0 | 46.4 | 6.1 | 61.8 | 1 229.2 |
| April | 503.6 | 713.4 | 47.5 | 6.2 | 61.9 | 504.0 | 715.8 | 46.9 | 6.2 | 62.0 | 1 229.8 |
| May | 503.6 | 721.2 | 46.2 | 6.0 | 62.4 | 505.4 | 718.0 | 47.2 | 6.2 | 62.2 | 1 230.4 |
| June | 507.5 | 719.6 | 48.7 | 6.3 | 62.4 | 506.5 | 719.7 | 47.3 | 6.2 | 62.3 | 1 231.0 |
| July | 508.3 | 719.1 | 46.2 | 6.0 | 62.1 | 507.3 | 720.7 | 47.2 | 6.1 | 62.3 | 1 231.9 |

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| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemp-loyed | Unemp-loyment rate | Partic-ipation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 462.6 | 538.2 | 42.8 | 7.4 | 75.8 | 457.3 | 538.8 | 39.1 | 6.8 | 75.4 | 766.1 |
| June | 458.5 | 546.5 | 35.1 | 6.0 | 75.8 | 456.0 | 539.7 | 39.3 | 6.8 | 75.5 | 767.3 |
| July | 449.0 | 535.8 | 39.7 | 6.9 | 74.9 | 454.6 | 540.3 | 39.4 | 6.8 | 75.4 | 768.5 |
| August | 451.4 | 540.2 | 40.1 | 6.9 | 75.4 | 453.8 | 540.8 | 39.3 | 6.8 | 75.4 | 769.6 |
| September | 456.1 | 541.1 | 40.8 | 7.0 | 75.5 | 453.9 | 541.3 | 39.2 | 6.8 | 75.3 | 770.8 |
| October | 458.1 | 543.4 | 36.7 | 6.3 | 75.2 | 455.3 | 542.1 | 38.9 | 6.7 | 75.3 | 771.8 |
| November | 454.9 | 543.6 | 39.2 | 6.7 | 75.4 | 458.1 | 543.4 | 38.4 | 6.6 | 75.3 | 772.7 |
| December | 460.8 | 543.9 | 37.7 | 6.5 | 75.2 | 461.8 | 545.2 | 37.7 | 6.5 | 75.3 | 773.6 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 464.6 | 546.9 | 38.3 | 6.5 | 75.5 | 465.8 | 547.3 | 36.8 | 6.3 | 75.4 | 774.9 |
| February | 471.3 | 549.7 | 35.5 | 6.1 | 75.4 | 469.6 | 549.6 | 36.2 | 6.2 | 75.5 | 776.1 |
| March | 475.5 | 552.4 | 32.3 | 5.5 | 75.2 | 472.4 | 551.8 | 35.6 | 6.1 | 75.6 | 777.3 |
| April | 472.1 | 553.3 | 37.4 | 6.3 | 75.9 | 473.9 | 553.7 | 35.0 | 5.9 | 75.6 | 778.6 |
| May | 478.5 | 556.6 | 35.7 | 6.0 | 76.0 | 474.1 | 555.1 | 34.5 | 5.8 | 75.6 | 779.8 |
| June | 474.4 | 558.6 | 32.7 | 5.5 | 75.7 | 473.4 | 556.0 | 34.0 | 5.8 | 75.6 | 781.0 |
| July | 464.9 | 552.4 | 33.4 | 5.7 | 74.9 | 472.2 | 556.4 | 33.6 | 5.7 | 75.5 | 782.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 212.6 | 414.5 | 23.0 | 5.3 | 57.0 | 210.8 | 417.2 | 22.7 | 5.2 | 57.4 | 766.9 |
| June | 211.3 | 418.2 | 23.0 | 5.2 | 57.4 | 211.5 | 418.0 | 22.5 | 5.1 | 57.3 | 768.2 |
| July | 208.5 | 420.1 | 21.4 | 4.9 | 57.4 | 211.4 | 418.5 | 22.7 | 5.1 | 57.4 | 769.3 |
| August | 213.4 | 417.9 | 24.7 | 5.6 | 57.4 | 211.1 | 419.4 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 57.5 | 770.5 |
| September | 212.4 | 423.6 | 23.1 | 5.2 | 57.9 | 211.3 | 421.2 | 23.9 | 5.4 | 57.7 | 771.7 |
| October | 209.2 | 420.6 | 25.5 | 5.7 | 57.7 | 211.9 | 423.4 | 24.4 | 5.5 | 58.0 | 772.7 |
| November | 209.9 | 422.5 | 21.3 | 4.8 | 57.4 | 212.6 | 425.3 | 24.8 | 5.5 | 58.2 | 773.6 |
| December | 215.1 | 427.4 | 29.3 | 6.4 | 59.0 | 213.1 | 426.6 | 24.9 | 5.5 | 58.3 | 774.6 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 219.2 | 434.7 | 24.9 | 5.4 | 59.2 | 213.6 | 427.1 | 24.5 | 5.4 | 58.2 | 775.9 |
| February | 214.7 | 427.1 | 22.6 | 5.0 | 57.9 | 214.3 | 426.7 | 24.1 | 5.4 | 58.0 | 777.2 |
| March | 205.9 | 419.0 | 23.5 | 5.3 | 56.8 | 215.1 | 425.5 | 24.0 | 5.3 | 57.7 | 778.5 |
| April | 216.6 | 423.6 | 24.1 | 5.4 | 57.4 | 215.8 | 424.0 | 24.3 | 5.4 | 57.5 | 779.8 |
| May | 222.0 | 424.6 | 24.0 | 5.3 | 57.4 | 216.5 | 422.7 | 25.0 | 5.6 | 57.3 | 781.0 |
| June | 219.4 | 424.8 | 25.0 | 5.6 | 57.5 | 217.2 | 421.5 | 26.0 | 5.8 | 57.2 | 782.3 |
| July | 214.2 | 417.3 | 31.2 | 7.0 | 57.2 | 217.6 | 420.3 | 27.4 | 6.1 | 57.2 | 783.9 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 675.1 | 952.7 | 65.7 | 6.5 | 66.4 | 668.2 | 955.9 | 61.8 | 6.1 | 66.4 | 1 532.9 |
| June | 669.8 | 964.6 | 58.1 | 5.7 | 66.6 | 667.5 | 957.8 | 61.8 | 6.1 | 66.4 | 1 535.4 |
| July | 657.5 | 955.9 | 61.2 | 6.0 | 66.1 | 666.0 | 958.9 | 62.1 | 6.1 | 66.4 | 1 537.8 |
| August | 664.7 | 958.0 | 64.8 | 6.3 | 66.4 | 664.9 | 960.2 | 62.6 | 6.1 | 66.4 | 1 540.1 |
| September | 668.5 | 964.7 | 64.0 | 6.2 | 66.7 | 665.2 | 962.5 | 63.1 | 6.2 | 66.5 | 1 542.5 |
| October | 667.3 | 964.0 | 62.1 | 6.1 | 66.4 | 667.3 | 965.5 | 63.4 | 6.2 | 66.6 | 1 544.4 |
| November | 664.8 | 966.1 | 60.5 | 5.9 | 66.4 | 670.7 | 968.7 | 63.2 | 6.1 | 66.7 | 1 546.3 |
| December | 675.9 | 971.3 | 67.0 | 6.5 | 67.1 | 674.9 | 971.8 | 62.6 | 6.0 | 66.8 | 1 548.3 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 683.8 | 981.7 | 63.2 | 6.0 | 67.4 | 679.5 | 974.5 | 61.4 | 5.9 | 66.8 | 1 550.8 |
| February | 685.9 | 976.8 | 58.1 | 5.6 | 66.6 | 683.9 | 976.3 | 60.3 | 5.8 | 66.7 | 1 553.3 |
| March | 681.3 | 971.4 | 55.8 | 5.4 | 66.0 | 687.5 | 977.3 | 59.5 | 5.7 | 66.6 | 1 555.8 |
| April | 688.6 | 976.9 | 61.5 | 5.9 | 66.6 | 689.6 | 977.7 | 59.3 | 5.7 | 66.5 | 1 558.3 |
| May | 700.5 | 981.2 | 59.7 | 5.7 | 66.7 | 690.6 | 977.8 | 59.5 | 5.7 | 66.5 | 1 560.8 |
| June | 693.8 | 983.4 | 57.7 | 5.5 | 66.6 | 690.6 | 977.5 | 60.0 | 5.8 | 66.4 | 1 563.4 |
| July | 679.1 | 969.7 | 64.6 | 6.2 | 66.0 | 689.8 | 976.7 | 61.0 | 5.9 | 66.3 | 1 566.3 |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2003 to June 2003 have been revised.

| Month | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 91.9 | 107.5 | 11.8 | 9.9 | 65.8 | 92.7 | 108.3 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 66.0 | 181.5 |
| June | 93.4 | 109.2 | 11.5 | 9.5 | 66.4 | 92.8 | 108.3 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 65.9 | 181.6 |
| July | 92.1 | 107.6 | 11.5 | 9.7 | 65.6 | 93.0 | 108.6 | 11.2 | 9.3 | 65.9 | 181.7 |
| August | 93.9 | 109.4 | 10.5 | 8.7 | 66.0 | 93.4 | 109.2 | 10.9 | 9.1 | 66.1 | 181.8 |
| September | 94.4 | 110.2 | 11.1 | 9.2 | 66.7 | 93.9 | 109.7 | 10.8 | 8.9 | 66.3 | 181.8 |
| October | 93.3 | 109.3 | 10.5 | 8.8 | 65.9 | 94.3 | 110.1 | 10.9 | 9.0 | 66.5 | 181.9 |
| November | 95.1 | 111.6 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 66.9 | 94.6 | 110.3 | 11.3 | 9.3 | 66.8 | 182.0 |
| December | 94.8 | 110.2 | 12.7 | 10.3 | 67.5 | 94.8 | 110.3 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 67.0 | 182.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 96.1 | 110.5 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 67.1 | 94.8 | 110.3 | 12.1 | 9.9 | 67.1 | 182.3 |
| February | 94.0 | 109.1 | 13.2 | 10.8 | 67.0 | 94.8 | 110.3 | 12.2 | 10.0 | 67.2 | 182.5 |
| March | 93.8 | 110.2 | 12.6 | 10.3 | 67.2 | 94.9 | 110.5 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 67.0 | 182.7 |
| April | 95.3 | 111.8 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 66.9 | 95.0 | 110.9 | 11.4 | 9.3 | 66.9 | 182.9 |
| May | 95.9 | 111.8 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 66.6 | 95.3 | 111.3 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 66.7 | 183.2 |
| June | 94.9 | 110.4 | 11.5 | 9.4 | 66.5 | 95.6 | 111.8 | 10.1 | 8.3 | 66.5 | 183.4 |
| July | 96.7 | 113.3 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 66.1 | 95.9 | 112.2 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 66.3 | 183.7 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 42.3 | 90.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 50.3 | 42.3 | 89.7 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 50.2 | 192.3 |
| June | 41.7 | 90.3 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 50.8 | 42.2 | 89.9 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 50.4 | 192.4 |
| July | 42.0 | 89.6 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 50.7 | 42.5 | 89.8 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 50.5 | 192.5 |
| August | 43.0 | 90.1 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 50.5 | 43.0 | 89.5 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 50.4 | 192.6 |
| September | 44.4 | 88.8 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 50.1 | 43.5 | 89.3 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 50.3 | 192.7 |
| October | 44.3 | 89.3 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 50.2 | 44.1 | 89.2 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 50.2 | 192.8 |
| November | 43.2 | 88.0 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 49.3 | 44.5 | 89.3 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 50.2 | 193.0 |
| December | 46.2 | 90.5 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 51.1 | 44.7 | 89.7 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 50.4 | 193.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 44.0 | 90.8 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 50.7 | 44.7 | 90.4 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 50.7 | 193.3 |
| February | 45.6 | 90.6 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 51.0 | 44.7 | 91.0 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 50.9 | 193.5 |
| March | 44.5 | 91.5 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 51.0 | 44.9 | 91.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 51.1 | 193.8 |
| April | 43.8 | 92.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 51.1 | 45.2 | 92.1 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 51.2 | 194.1 |
| May | 46.2 | 93.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 52.0 | 45.6 | 92.4 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 51.2 | 194.4 |
| June | 45.8 | 91.3 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 50.5 | 46.1 | 92.6 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 51.2 | 194.6 |
| July | 48.1 | 92.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 51.1 | 46.8 | 92.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 51.2 | 194.9 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 134.3 | 197.5 | 18.6 | 8.6 | 57.8 | 135.0 | 198.0 | 18.4 | 8.5 | 57.9 | 373.8 |
| June | 135.2 | 199.5 | 18.9 | 8.7 | 58.4 | 135.0 | 198.2 | 18.5 | 8.5 | 57.9 | 374.0 |
| July | 134.1 | 197.2 | 19.6 | 9.0 | 57.9 | 135.5 | 198.4 | 18.5 | 8.5 | 58.0 | 374.2 |
| August | 137.0 | 199.5 | 17.7 | 8.2 | 58.0 | 136.3 | 198.7 | 18.5 | 8.5 | 58.0 | 374.4 |
| September | 138.8 | 199.0 | 18.9 | 8.7 | 58.2 | 137.4 | 199.0 | 18.4 | 8.5 | 58.1 | 374.6 |
| October | 137.6 | 198.6 | 18.0 | 8.3 | 57.8 | 138.5 | 199.3 | 18.6 | 8.5 | 58.1 | 374.8 |
| November | 138.3 | 199.6 | 17.2 | 7.9 | 57.8 | 139.1 | 199.6 | 18.9 | 8.7 | 58.3 | 374.9 |
| December | 141.0 | 200.7 | 20.9 | 9.4 | 59.1 | 139.5 | 200.0 | 19.3 | 8.8 | 58.5 | 375.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 140.1 | 201.3 | 18.9 | 8.6 | 58.6 | 139.5 | 200.7 | 19.7 | 8.9 | 58.7 | 375.6 |
| February | 139.6 | 199.6 | 21.4 | 9.7 | 58.8 | 139.5 | 201.4 | 19.7 | 8.9 | 58.8 | 376.0 |
| March | 138.3 | 201.6 | 20.0 | 9.0 | 58.9 | 139.7 | 202.2 | 19.4 | 8.7 | 58.8 | 376.5 |
| April | 139.1 | 204.4 | 17.1 | 7.7 | 58.8 | 140.2 | 203.0 | 18.7 | 8.4 | 58.8 | 377.0 |
| May | 142.1 | 205.3 | 17.8 | 8.0 | 59.1 | 140.9 | 203.7 | 17.9 | 8.1 | 58.7 | 377.5 |
| June | 140.7 | 201.7 | 18.6 | 8.4 | 58.3 | 141.7 | 204.4 | 17.1 | 7.7 | 58.6 | 378.0 |
| July | 144.8 | 206.1 | 14.9 | 6.7 | 58.4 | 142.6 | 204.9 | 16.5 | 7.4 | 58.5 | 378.6 |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2003 to June 2003 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Northern Territory(a)

| Month | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | |
| May | 45.1 | 56.0 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 80.4 | 74.0 |
| June | 45.2 | 55.9 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 79.8 | 74.0 |
| July | 45.2 | 55.6 | 3.0 | 5.1 | 79.2 | 74.0 |
| August | 45.0 | 55.2 | 2.9 | 5.1 | 78.6 | 73.9 |
| September | 44.9 | 54.7 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 78.1 | 73.9 |
| October | 44.9 | 54.4 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 77.9 | 73.9 |
| November | 45.0 | 54.4 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 78.0 | 73.8 |
| December | 45.2 | 54.6 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 78.6 | 73.8 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| January | 45.3 | 55.0 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 79.2 | 73.7 |
| February | 45.3 | 55.2 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 79.7 | 73.7 |
| March | 45.2 | 55.2 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 79.8 | 73.7 |
| April | 45.0 | 55.0 | 3.8 | 6.5 | 79.6 | 73.8 |
| May | 45.0 | 54.7 | 3.8 | 6.5 | 79.2 | 73.9 |
| June | 45.0 | 54.4 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 78.6 | 74.0 |
| July | 45.0 | 54.2 | 3.5 | 6.1 | 78.0 | 74.0 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | |
| May | 29.0 | 44.6 | 2.0 | 4.2 | 67.8 | 68.7 |
| June | 29.3 | 44.4 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 67.4 | 68.7 |
| July | 29.5 | 44.2 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 67.1 | 68.6 |
| August | 29.8 | 44.0 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 67.0 | 68.5 |
| September | 30.1 | 44.1 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 67.2 | 68.5 |
| October | 30.2 | 44.2 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 67.5 | 68.4 |
| November | 30.1 | 44.3 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 67.8 | 68.4 |
| December | 29.8 | 44.4 | 2.2 | 4.7 | 68.1 | 68.4 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| January | 29.4 | 44.2 | 2.5 | 5.3 | 68.3 | 68.3 |
| February | 28.9 | 43.7 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 68.0 | 68.3 |
| March | 28.5 | 43.0 | 3.0 | 6.5 | 67.4 | 68.2 |
| April | 28.3 | 42.2 | 3.2 | 7.0 | 66.5 | 68.2 |
| May | 28.1 | 41.5 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 65.5 | 68.3 |
| June | 27.9 | 40.9 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 64.6 | 68.3 |
| July | 27.8 | 40.3 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 63.7 | 68.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | |
| May | 74.1 | 100.7 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 74.3 | 142.7 |
| June | 74.5 | 100.3 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 73.9 | 142.6 |
| July | 74.7 | 99.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 73.4 | 142.6 |
| August | 74.9 | 99.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 73.0 | 142.5 |
| September | 75.0 | 98.8 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 72.8 | 142.4 |
| October | 75.1 | 98.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 72.9 | 142.3 |
| November | 75.1 | 98.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 73.1 | 142.2 |
| December | 75.0 | 99.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 73.5 | 142.1 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| January | 74.7 | 99.1 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 73.9 | 142.0 |
| February | 74.2 | 98.9 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 74.1 | 142.0 |
| March | 73.7 | 98.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 73.8 | 141.9 |
| April | 73.3 | 97.2 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 73.3 | 142.0 |
| May | 73.1 | 96.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 72.6 | 142.2 |
| June | 72.9 | 95.3 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 71.9 | 142.3 |
| July | 72.7 | 94.5 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 71.1 | 142.2 |

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER), Australian Capital Territory(a)

| Month | TREND | | | | | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | |
| May | 75.3 | 88.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 77.0 | 120.9 |
| June | 75.9 | 89.1 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 77.3 | 121.0 |
| July | 76.5 | 89.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 77.8 | 121.1 |
| August | 77.1 | 90.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 78.2 | 121.1 |
| September | 77.8 | 90.8 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 78.5 | 121.2 |
| October | 78.2 | 91.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 78.7 | 121.5 |
| November | 78.4 | 91.1 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 78.7 | 121.7 |
| December | 78.2 | 91.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 78.6 | 121.9 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| January | 77.6 | 90.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 78.4 | 122.0 |
| February | 76.8 | 90.6 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 78.1 | 122.0 |
| March | 75.8 | 90.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 77.8 | 122.0 |
| April | 74.9 | 90.2 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 77.5 | 122.1 |
| May | 74.2 | 90.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 77.1 | 122.2 |
| June | 73.6 | 90.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 76.8 | 122.3 |
| July | 73.2 | 90.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 76.6 | 122.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | |
| May | 51.1 | 81.8 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 67.4 | 126.2 |
| June | 51.6 | 82.3 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 67.8 | 126.4 |
| July | 52.2 | 82.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 68.1 | 126.5 |
| August | 52.8 | 83.0 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 68.2 | 126.7 |
| September | 53.4 | 83.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 68.2 | 126.8 |
| October | 54.0 | 83.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 68.1 | 127.0 |
| November | 54.2 | 83.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 67.9 | 127.1 |
| December | 53.9 | 83.4 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 67.7 | 127.3 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| January | 53.0 | 83.1 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 67.5 | 127.4 |
| February | 52.0 | 82.7 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 67.2 | 127.4 |
| March | 51.1 | 82.2 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 66.9 | 127.5 |
| April | 50.5 | 81.7 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 66.5 | 127.6 |
| May | 50.3 | 81.2 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 66.2 | 127.7 |
| June | 50.4 | 80.8 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 65.9 | 127.9 |
| July | 50.8 | 80.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 65.6 | 128.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | |
| May | 126.5 | 170.4 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 72.1 | 247.1 |
| June | 127.5 | 171.4 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 72.5 | 247.4 |
| July | 128.7 | 172.4 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 72.8 | 247.6 |
| August | 129.9 | 173.3 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 73.1 | 247.8 |
| September | 131.2 | 174.0 | 7.7 | 4.2 | 73.2 | 248.1 |
| October | 132.2 | 174.5 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 73.3 | 248.5 |
| November | 132.6 | 174.6 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 73.2 | 248.8 |
| December | 132.1 | 174.4 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 73.0 | 249.2 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| January | 130.6 | 174.0 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 72.8 | 249.3 |
| February | 128.7 | 173.3 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 72.5 | 249.4 |
| March | 126.9 | 172.6 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 72.2 | 249.5 |
| April | 125.4 | 171.9 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 71.9 | 249.8 |
| May | 124.5 | 171.3 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 71.5 | 250.0 |
| June | 124.0 | 170.7 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 71.2 | 250.2 |
| July | 123.9 | 170.4 | 7.3 | 4.1 | 71.0 | 250.6 |

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WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

TREND REVISIONS

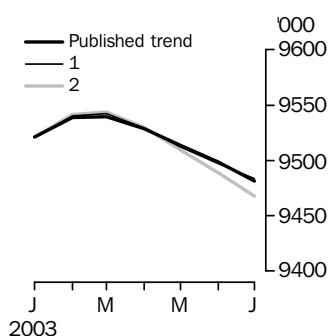
Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 19 and 20 of Explanatory Notes).

The examples in the tables below show two illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and the unemployment rate.

- (1) The August seasonally adjusted estimate is *higher* than the July estimate by:
0.30% for employment
1.90% for the unemployment rate
- (2) The August seasonally adjusted estimate is *lower* than the July estimate by:
0.30% for employment
1.90% for the unemployment rate

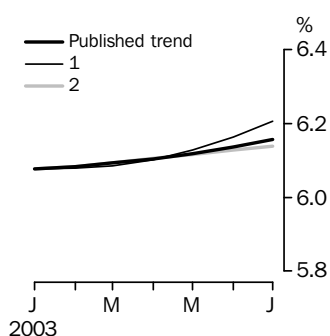
The percentage changes of 0.30% and 1.90% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

EMPLOYMENT



| | | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS: | | |
|-------------|---------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | <i>Trend as published</i> | (1) 9480.6 i.e. rises by 0.30% | (2) 9423.9 i.e. falls by 0.30% |
| 2003 | | | | |
| April | 9 528.3 | 9 529.2 | 9 530.2 | |
| May | 9 513.7 | 9 512.3 | 9 509.8 | |
| June | 9 498.6 | 9 497.3 | 9 488.9 | |
| July | 9 481.6 | 9 483.6 | 9 467.8 | |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



| | | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS: | |
|-------------------------------|-----|--|--------------------------------|
| | | (1) 6.3 i.e. rises by 1.90% | (2) 6.1 i.e. falls by 1.90% |
| <i>Trend as published</i> | | | |
| 2003 | | | |
| April | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| May | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| June | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| July | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates are released one week after this publication in various electronic formats - see *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

2 The conceptual framework used in Australia's Labour Force Survey aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling the estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0) which is also available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (About Statistics—Concepts and Classifications).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

3 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.45% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

4 Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent).

5 The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Each year, to deal with operational difficulties involved with collecting and processing the Labour Force Survey around the Christmas and New Year holiday period, interviews for December start four weeks after November interviews start, and January interviews start five weeks after December interviews start. As a result, January interviewing may commence as early as the 8th or as late as the 14th, depending on the year. Occasionally, circumstances that present significant operational difficulties for survey collection can result in a change to the normal pattern for the start of interviewing.

6 Estimates from the Labour Force Survey are published first in this publication 31 days after the commencement of interviews for that month, with the exception of estimates for each December which are published 38 days after the commencement of interviews.

SCOPE OF SURVEY

7 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

8 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

9 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999. The ABS expects to introduce new benchmarks, based on the 2001 Census, in February 2004.

COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

10 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

11 The ABS introduced telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey in August 1996. Implementation was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997. During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. The estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996. For further details, see the feature article in the June 1997 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

12 From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Core labour force series were revised for the period April 1986 to March 2001 to ensure continuity. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

13 The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

14 The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period November 2002 to June 2003, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 18% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in November 2002, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in December 2002. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

15 For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (cat. no. 6269.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

16 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 31 and 32. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

17 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the last annual review of seasonal factors was published in a feature article in the February 2003 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat no. 6203.0).

18 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements

Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements

Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements

Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

19 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

20 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

21 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

22 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

23 Users may also wish to refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0). This publication contains additional tables and a detailed list of related publications. For further information about this publication, please contact the Assistant Director, Labour Market Statistics on (02) 6252 6079.

24 ABS Information about the labour market can be found on the Labour theme page on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (Themes—People, Labour), or from ABS Bookshops.

25 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (Products and Services). The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site (Information on Releases) which details products to be released in the week ahead.

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

26 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Inquiries should be made to Michael Johnson on (02) 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

27 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

28 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

29 SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES
pts percentage points

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LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 700,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 9,800. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 700,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,800 indicates that:

- The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following table shows the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

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The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,890,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,900,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 10,300. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 10,300 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement between the two months falls within the range -300 to 20,300 ($10,000 + \text{or} - 10,300$)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -10,600 to 30,600 ($10,000 + \text{or} - 20,600$).

The following table shows the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

GLOSSARY

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|---|--|
| Actively looking for work | Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives. |
| Attending school | Persons aged 15 to 19 years enrolled at secondary or high school in the reference week. |
| Attending tertiary educational institution full time | Persons aged 15 to 24 years enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week, except those persons aged 15 to 19 years who were still attending school. |
| Civilian population aged 15 years and over | All usual residents of Australia aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia. |
| Employed | <p>All persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or ■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or ■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or ■ on strike or locked out; or ■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or ■ were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work. |
| Full-time workers | Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week. |
| Labour force | For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined. |
| Labour force status | A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians. |
| Not in the labour force | Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined. |
| Participation rate | For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. |
| Part-time workers | Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week. |
| Seasonally adjusted series | A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 17 and 18 for more detail. |
| Trend series | A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 19 to 21 for more detail. |

GLOSSARY *continued*

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| Unemployed | Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were available for work in the reference week; or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then. |
| Unemployed looking for full-time work | Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ actively looked for full-time work and were available for work in the reference week; or■ actively looked for work and were not available for work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a new full-time job. |
| Unemployed looking for part-time work | Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ actively looked for part-time work only and were available for work in the reference week; or■ actively looked for work and were not available for work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a new part-time job. |
| Unemployment rate | For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. |
| Unemployment to population ratio | For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group. |



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